

Town of Easton
Board of Finance – Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday March 31, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual meeting using the Zoom app.

A recording of this meeting can be found at the
Agenda, Minutes & Recording section of the town website.

Attendees: Members: Andy Kachele-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Michael Kot, Art Laske,
Wendy Bowditch, Paul Skrtich
Alternates: Gregg Saunders, Ira Kaplan, Jackie Kaufman

Absentee(s):

Guest(s): Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer, Dr. David Bindelglass-First Selectman,
Bob Lessler-Selectman, Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at: 7:01 pm by: Andy Kachele

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions: Mike Kot will arrive late. A motion was made to appoint Gregg Saunders to fill in for
Mike Kot while he is absent.

Motion (Second): Bowditch (Skrtich) **Result:** All in Favor

Agenda Item 1 ***Discuss, adjust, and approve adjustments to budgets***

Notes: The following Budgets were reviewed:

Agenda Item 1A ***Social Service (33)***

Notes: Alison Witherbee, Municipal Agent on Aging, attended. The town has received a United
Way grant of \$4,000. Alison recommends that we add the \$4,000 to the Public Welfare
and Assistance budget line and reduce the budget by \$2,500.

Action/Motions: None

Agenda Item 1B ***Insurance Commission (42)***

Notes: Gerry O'Brian from the Insurance Commission and Jim Tomchik, Insurance Consultant
to the commission, attended. Of two proposed new insurance policies, Cyber Insurance
and Active Assailant Insurance, Active Assailant will be dropped for a savings of
\$10,000.

Action/Motions: None

Agenda Item 1C ***Conservation Commission (26)***

Notes: Dori Wollen, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, and Steve Corti, Commission
member. The status of tree work at the Payne Open Space was discussed.

Action/Motions: None

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions: Art Laske had to leave the meeting but may return. He appointed Ira Kaplan to fill in for
him while he is away.

Agenda Item 1D	<i>Tax Collector (10) and Assessor (8)</i>
Notes:	Rachel Maciulewski, Assessor, and Krista Kot, Tax Collector, attended. Wendy Bowditch made a proposal to replace the two part time positions, one for Assessor and the other for Tax Collector, with one full time position to be shared by the two departments. Decision was made to not make the change.
Action/Motions:	None
Agenda Item 1E	<i>Police (22)</i>
Notes:	Richard Doyle, Chief of Police, and Richard Colangelo and Tom Hermann, from the Police Commission attended. Various topics including staffing, number of vehicles, and overtime expenses were discussed.
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to accept the Police budget as presented.
Motion (Second):	Kaplan (Lindoefer) Result: For: Kaplan, Lindoefer, Bowditch, Kachele Against: Skrtich, Kot The motion passed.
Agenda Item 1F	<i>Public Works (28)</i>
Notes:	Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works, attended. Various topics including the need for a new excavator were discussed. Ed offered a \$10,000 reduction in department overtime based on current projections.
Action/Motions:	None
Agenda Item 1G	<i>Library (36)</i>
Notes:	Lynn Zaffino, Library Director, attended. Library staffing and services were discussed. Lynn offered that Services and fees could be reduced by \$2,175 and Resources Technology could be reduced by \$1,600.
Action/Motions:	None
Agenda Item 2	<i>Adjournment</i>
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to adjourn at 10:35 pm
Motion (Second):	Kot (Kaplan) Result: All in favor.

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoefer- Clerk