

Town of Easton CT
Board of Finance – Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday March 6, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Location: Easton Senior Center, 650 Morehouse Road; also on Zoom

Recording: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/easton-board-of-finance>

Attendees: Members in person: Art Laske, Andy Kachele, Ira Kaplan, Michael Gutowski, Jackie Kaufman (7:07)

Alternates in person: Gregg Saunders, Maureen Williams, Joe Glavan

Absentees: Member Paul Skrtich

Guests: Christine Calvert, Treasurer and Finance Director

Dave Bindelglass and Kristi Sogofsky, First Selectman and Selectman

Mark Cooper, Aspetuck Health District Director of Health

David Smith, Registrar of Voters, and Police Commissioner

Dori Wollen, Registrar of Voters, and Conservation Commission Chair

Rich Doyle, Chief of Police

Rich Colangelo, Police Commission Chair

Rob Klem and David Katz, Fire Chief and Fire Commissioner

Peter Neary, Fire Marshal

Call to Order: By Chair Art Laske at 7:03 pm

Art appoints Gregg as alternate in place of Paul, per Paul's request at earlier meeting.

Motion to appoint alternate Maureen in place of Jackie until her arrival, by Andy/Ira. Result: passes 5-0.

1. Review Budgets for the Following:

- a. Health (7:04)
- b. ROV (7:33)
- c. Conservation (7:50)
- d. Police (Communication, Police, and Animal Control) (7:58)
- e. Emergency Management (7:52)
- f. Fire Department (8:30)
- g. Fire Marshal (8:45)

Mark presented (a) and answered questions about line-item recategorizations, undesignated fund balance for AHD, Environmental Permit Activity, and Strategic Plan. David Smith and Dori presented (b) and discussed expenses for early voting in FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24) and FY25, noting grant funding from the state of \$10,500 to help defray the cost of early voting in the presidential preference primary in FY24. Dori presented (c) and discussed new trail. Rich Doyle, Rich Colangelo, and David Smith presented (d) and (e). On Communication we discussed cameras, part time personnel, and pros and cons of regional dispatch centers, with Andy noting how Litchfield centralized their dispatch. For Police we discussed overtime costs, transportation costs, email breaches, and vehicle purchases. David Katz and Rob presented (f) and discussed volunteers, smoke detectors, dry hydrants, and fire truck purchase plans. David Katz and Peter presented (g) and discussed blasting complaints, and plans for Peter to move to Deputy with Schuyler Sherwood moving from Deputy to Fire Marshal. Peter discussed the benefits of having meetings to discuss issues outside of budget season.

2. Fill-in budgets: Treasurer, Debt Service, First Selectman, Professional Service, Probate Court, Town Hall, Cemetery, Contingency, Auditors, BOF, Town Attorney, Fringe Benefits, Firehouse Rent, Technology, Pension, ZBA and any other budgets as deemed necessary.
- No discussion.

3. Motion to adjourn by Jackie/Andy. Result: passes 6-0 at 8:56.

Next meeting: special meeting Thursday, March 7, 2024.



Submitted 3/8/24 by Ira Kaplan, BOF Clerk

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