

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
February 7, 2019  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

Adam Dunsby called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Adam Dunsby, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting, January 17, 2019. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. No public comment.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 2. NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK - \$5,250.00; 3. MS. SHEILA ROBINSON - \$45.52. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 1. NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK - \$5,165.46 was tabled due to a paperwork error.
4. Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of Laurel Fedor from the Agriculture Commission with thanks for her service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of Regina McNamara from the Easton Energy Task Force with thanks for her service. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following DRIVEWAY BOND RELEASE for 40 Easton Heights Lane, permit #1582 for \$3,000 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to elevate Peter Fiore from a step D to an E effective immediately. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Adam Dunsby discussed that Pam Healy, Outreach Worker, and Eileen Zimmerman, MAA and Social Services, have resigned. It may make sense to combine both positions into one. The position would be 35 hours and benefited. The board will convey this to the Aging Commission. Christine Calvert suggested the board consider making the First Selectman's position a full time benefited position. The matter will be added to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting as a separate agenda item.
7. Adam Dunsby reported that for the South Park Avenue bridge project the state must first make the award then the Board of Selectmen accepts the bid and signs the contract. It is anticipated the work will begin in the spring and a portion of South Park Road will be closed from April through August.
8. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the bid for Morehouse Restroom Facility from CXT Inc. in the amount of \$74,285 with the understanding that the amount may go up a small amount for incidentals. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. The board discussed some potential changes to the Legal Representation Policy. Adam Dunsby will prepare a draft for discussion at the next meeting.
10. Robert Lessler moved to go into Executive Session inviting both Christine Calvert and Dori Wollen in for the purpose of discussing Farmer vs Conservation Commission at 8:38 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
The board returned at 8:54 p.m. Robert Lessler moved to accept the recommendation of #0156488 in the amount of \$7,500. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adam Dunsby reported that Altice has bought Cablevision and is bringing a larger cabinet to improve service. The email was forwarded to the chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
Adam Dunsby also commented that budget season has begun. He is recommending LoCip funds be spent down on a regular basis spending \$100,000/yr. He is concerned that state financial issues could put the availability of these funds at risk. The funds would be used to resurface and repair town roadways. This recommendation will be raised at a future Board of Selectmen meeting. Adam Dunsby also reported that the new Interlocal Recycling agreement bumped the per ton rate from the town receiving \$20/ton to now being charged \$65/ton.  
Adam Dunsby also informed the board that he had met with Nancy Doniger and a professor from Sacred Heart University to explore their idea of a small newspaper covering Easton and Redding. Kristi Sogofsky she has pulled the next two policies to review: Openings on Boards and Commissions and Media Releases.
12. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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