

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
February 21, 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, February 7, 2019 with the following corrections: agenda item 10. (second to last sentence) ...accept the recommendation of "CIRMA case" #0156488 in the amount of \$7,500 "in the Farmer dispute against the Conservation Commission". Agenda item 11. (last sentence) Kristi Sogofsky "said" she has... Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A member of the public spoke regarding the First Selectman position. A few members of the public spoke regarding the MAA position.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK - \$5,165.46; 2. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES NA LLC - \$740.25; 3. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES NA LLC - \$168.20; 4. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES NA LLC - \$154.29; 5. CORELOGIC - \$3,085.00; 6. CORELOGIC - \$761.07. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler discussed health benefits for the First Selectman position. He believes health benefits will attract qualified candidates and the time to make this decision is now during budgetary season. Kristi Sogofsky concurs. Robert Lessler moved that commencing upon the municipal election of 2019, the First Selectman position will become an unclassified benefitted position. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Linda Dollard, a member of the Commission for the Aging, spoke on her support for combining the Municipal Agent for the Aging position and the Outreach Worker Position into one full-time position and how it would greatly serve the needs of Easton's aging population. Mary Ann Freeman, Chairman of the Senior Center Advisory Board, also spoke of her support for combining the two positions. The next regular meeting of the Commission For The Aging occurs before the next BOS meeting so the Board has asked that they provide their recommendation either for or against with details so that the Board would have a better understanding of their position. This matter will be discussed at the March 7th Board of Selectmen meeting.
6. LoCIP grants are funds made available by the State and have typically been allowed to accumulate through the years. With our State facing a "debt diet" Adam Dunsby is recommending spending the LoCIP funds on a regular basis. Currently the account holds \$573,867.68 and will increase by \$66,000 per year. Although no action was taken, the consensus of the Board is to apply \$100,000 towards road work for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and then reallocate where it is most needed in future years.
7. The Board discussed the Legal Representation Policy. Several changes were suggested and a clean copy will be presented for action at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
8. Kristi Sogofsky will review and have ready for the next Board of Selectmen meeting, two policies: Openings on Boards, Commission, Committees and Other Volunteer Opportunities and Media Releases.

9. Adam Dunsby reported that the application for a special permit for the restroom facility on Morehouse Property has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 5th at 6 pm. The goal is to have the project completed this spring. Also, he said with the release of Governor Lamont's budget, Easton is facing a \$107,000 cost for teacher pensions for the upcoming 19/20 fiscal year.
Kristi Sogofsky said she spoke with an Altice representative who was asking when a sight location for the cabinet would be determined. Adam Dunsby said Ed Nagy is planning to meet with Altice for the final location determination.
10. Kristi Sogofsky move to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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