

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
March 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, March 7, 2019. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Lessler moved to add agenda item 1.A to the agenda: Discuss and approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, March 12, 2019. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
1.A Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, March 12, 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: 1. CHASE AUTO FINANCE - \$452.63; 2. CHASE AUTO FINANCE - \$449.70; 3. MR. ROBERT MATEFY - \$70.13; 4. MR. ALBERT PERRY - \$92.26; 5. USB LEASING LT - \$121.57; 6. USB LEASING LT - \$647.37; 7. USB LEASING - \$276.80; 8. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO. - \$411.26; 9. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO. - \$407.25; 10. MS. KIMBERLY PAPA - \$423.33. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. A roof top heating unit on one of the Easton County Day portable classrooms located at 660 Morehouse Road recently failed completely. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works requested three bids to replace the faulty unit. Due to the cold weather a timely decision needed to be made. According to Easton Ordinance 160-8; *In an emergency, the First Selectman or his or her designee may waive compliance with this chapter, provided that the waiver and the nature of the emergency shall be brought to the Board of Selectmen for ratification as soon as reasonably practical.* Kristi Sogofsky moved to ratify the selection of Good Hill Mechanical Services, Inc., low bidder, to replace the heating unit for Easton County Day portable as executed by Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works in that amount of \$8,390.00. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Due to continued violations of the settlement of November 6, 2015 with Nikki Zeoli a/k/a Nikki Z. Porzio of 639 Stepney Road, legal counsel advised seeking a restraining order to enforce the terms of the agreement after a final letter was sent January 25, 2019. Robert Lessler moved to appoint the firm of Owens, Schine & Nicola, P.C. to represent the interest of the Town of Easton in the matter of Town of Easton v Nikki Zeoli a/k/a Nikki Z. Porzio, including any necessary court action. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Jeff Parker, Chairman of the Easton Board of Ed presented a renewed interest in having Easton build a bus depot in town to house the leased buses from First Student and have Redding pay Easton. Mr. Parker stated this would save Easton and Redding funds and direct a revenue stream to Easton tax payers. Adam Dunsby stated that 1) any agreement should be between the town Easton and the town of Redding and 2) significant economic benefit should accrue to Easton, as the town does not want a bus depot. Adam Dunsby also noted that at its October 24, 2017 meeting, the "tri-board" expressed little interest in a bus depot in Easton. Robert Lessler suggested looking at possible farms in

Easton although that would reduce the amount of revenue afforded to Easton. Although much leg work was done on the formerly proposed layout and financial aspects of a bus depot, no progress was made on a potential agreement between the various parties. Jeff Parker said he would speak with the chairs of the tri-boards to get a feel for their position. Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler agree that a revenue stream would be a favorable opportunity for the town. The proposed bills on school regionalization may also be a factor.

7. Kristi Sogofsky, after working with Town Clerk Christine Halloran, presented what the Boards, Commissions and Committees page on the website would look like. It was agreed that "Contact" and "Additional Information" would be removed from the heading. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the Policy: Openings on Boards, Commissions and Committees as revised by removing in Procedure 2. (d) additional information such as any requirements and/or restrictions and (e) contact information. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adam Dunsby moved to add agenda item 7.A Discuss and accept the resignation of Peter Lannigan from the Board of Finance. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7.A Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of Peter Lannigan, an alternate on the Board of Finance. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adam Dunsby stated that he would like to ask Ira Bloom to attend one of the next two Board of Selectmen meetings and that the board would most likely set the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting at the April 18th meeting.
9. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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