

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
April 18, 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, April 4, 2019. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A resident spoke regarding the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. ADIRONDACK LLC - \$1,087.96; 2. ADIRONDACK LLC - \$1,094.54; 3. CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD - \$693.18; 4. CORELOGIC - \$2,635.92; 5. HANN AUTO TRUST - \$374.87; 6. MR. EDWARD LUBA - \$78.10; 7. NISSAN INFINITI LT - \$188.60; 8. NISSAN INFINITI LT - \$346.77. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the release of road opening bond for permit # 1048, Mr. and Mrs. William Bassett in the amount of \$2,500.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Attorney Ira Bloom of Berchem Moses discussed and after referencing CGS 7-7, stated that the Board of Selectmen has the legal ability to send the budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance, directly to a referendum machine vote. Attorney Bloom also reviewed the obligations during the Annual Town Meeting not to entertain motions from the public to adjust the budget nor add agenda items.
Robert Lessler moved that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the CGS, submit the 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$43,853,620 as recommended by the Board of Finance to a machine vote referendum on May 7, 2019, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary School and that the budget will be discussed at the Annual Town Meeting on April 29, 2019 but will not be subject to any motions and further that a letter be sent to the Town Clerk in accordance with Section 7-7 of the CGS. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Attorney Bloom also gave his opinion that items cannot be added to the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting.
Kristi Sogofsky moved to warn the Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary School with the agenda set forth tonight (attached). Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Lessler asked Attorney Bloom what the acceptable methods of voting at a town meeting are, for example; voice voting, raising hand, dividing the room, etc. Attorney Bloom said we are governed by Robert's Rule and CGS and that the moderator of the meeting acts in his or her discretion. He also recommends being a bit more formal about taking votes; checking off residents at the door that are registered voters and property owners and sitting in separate areas.
6. Kristi Sogofsky mentioned that she has had inquiries of possibly putting the recordings of meeting online for better access. She will look into it for the next meeting. Adam Dunsby said he would like to get back to looking at the Policies and Procedures, each of the Selectmen will choose a Policy to review. Adam Dunsby

also stated that he signed the contract with the construction company for the rebuilding of one of the South Park Avenue bridges, moving the project along.

7. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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AGENDA
Annual Town Meeting
April 29, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Warning is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting to be held within and for the Town of Easton on April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton to discuss and act upon the following:

1. Discussion of the proposed Annual Town Budget of \$43,853,620 for fiscal year 2019-2020 as recommended by the Board of Finance. *The Board of Selectmen on April 18, 2019 voted, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes, to submit the 2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$43,853,620, as recommended by the Board of Finance, to a machine vote. The budget will be discussed at the Annual Town Meeting, but will not be subject to any motions.*
Presentation by Board of Finance.
Presentation by Board of Education.
Presentation by Region 9.
2. Acceptance of the five-year capital project plan.
3. Set July 1, 2019 - January 2, 2020 for the 2018 Grand List bills.
4. Adjournment of the Town Meeting to a machine vote to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary School to vote on the Annual Budget for 2019-2020.

Per Order of the Easton Board of Selectmen



Adam Dunphy, First Selectman



Kristi Sogofsky, Selectman



Robert Lesser, Selectman

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