

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
May 16, 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. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting, May 2, 2019 with the corrections: agenda item #4—place a comma after “health officer”; agenda item #6—place a comma after “Director of Public Works”. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. No members of the public spoke.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA - \$264.53; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA - \$91.44; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA - \$884.76; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA - \$173.13; HIGHLAND PLACE LLC - \$476.35. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Town Clerk Christine Halloran presented proposed revised job descriptions for the town clerk and assistant town clerk positions. Robert Lessler moved to approve the revised job descriptions for the town clerk and assistant town clerk as presented. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. *Note: item 6 was taken prior to item 5.* Jean Puchalski of the Agricultural Commission presented a proposed lease for the continuation of farming on Morehouse Road on plots A and B in front of Samuel Staples Elementary School. Robert Lessler moved to approve the presented lease between the Town of Easton and Speckled Rooster Farm for the term May 20, 2019 through April 15, 2024 for two plots (A and B) in front of Samuel Staples Elementary School. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Ray Martin and Justin Giorlando of the Planning and Zoning Commission presented a plan for a proposed multi-use path along Route 59 from Flat Rock Road up to the Silverman’s Farm area. They proposed we apply for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) grant. The Town would have to pay 20% of the cost. The total projected cost is \$600,000. Applying for the grant does not obligate the Town. Kristi Sogofsky moved that the Board of Selectmen support application for a TAP grant to fund a proposed multi-use path along Route 59 from Flat Rock Road to Silverman’s Farm and issue a commitment letter in support. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. The Board discussed the proposed zoning regulations of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Board decided to provide their comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission in writing.
8. Kristi Sogofsky moved to award the bid for tree removal and pruning to Ed the Treeman for a total amount of \$ 97,434. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. The Board had initial discussions of the following policies: Gift Policy, Working from Home, and Human Resource Policies and Procedures. They will be taken up at a future meeting.
10. Kristi Sogofsky updated the Board on the library building project. Due to all bids coming in over expectation, the project is being put on hold. The Library Board and 2017 Library Building Committee will look into other funding options.

Adam Dunsby moved to add to the agenda 10A, Appointment of counsel for assessment appeals. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10A. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Berchem, Moses, and Devlin to represent the Town in the matter of Mark J. Appelbaum v. Town of Easton AND Robert Paniccia v. Town of Easton. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. No Board member commented.

12. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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