

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 6, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Easton Library Community Room

Present: Adam Dunsby; Scott S. Centrella; Robert H. Lessler

The First Selectman convened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

1. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of January 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A resident requested that agenda items be more detailed.
3. A discussion was had regarding the need to allow selected Town agencies access to legal advice without prior approval by the Board of Selectmen. Examples were given by the chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission citing occasions when the commission would have benefitted from early access to a legal opinion before legal action was taken against the Town. The Board will take the matter under advisement and consider a monthly dollar amount and/or billing hours to be utilized by the selected agencies for this use.
4. The company scheduled to present a general overview for a new Town website advised they would not be doing so at the present time.
5. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Christine Calvert, Tax Collector: 1. Chase Auto Finance Group - \$240.26; and 2. John Mitaly - \$79.55. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items 6 and 7 were taken simultaneously. Responding to a public need for broader wireless coverage in the Town, the Planning and Zoning Commission issued a report of findings relating to potential sites for cell towers. As a result of these findings, two wireless communication companies submitted proposals for siting cell towers on two Town owned properties. One site under consideration is a portion of land on the southerly end of the Morehouse Road property. The Police Chief and Fire Chief spoke in favor of improved wireless coverage, stating the need for coverage from a public safety perspective. Several residents spoke against a cell tower, and one spoke in favor. A group of concerned residents would like the opportunity to explore alternative technology, namely a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) and report back to the Board with their findings. The Board would also like an opportunity to speak with a representative from the DAS industry to help them fully understand this potential alternative to cell towers. The Board will revisit this matter at their meeting on April 17, 2014.

8. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to reappoint Joseph Silhavy as a Measurer of Wood for a one-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to reappoint Richard Scalo to the Board of Ethics for a two-year term from



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January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **reappoint Michael Kot** to the **Board of Ethics** for a two-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **appoint Craig Sternberg** to the **Board of Ethics** for a two-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **reappoint Milan Spisek** to the **Planning and Zoning Commission** for a five-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **reappoint Margaret Silvestri** to the **Commission for the Aging** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. A vacancy exists for an unexpired term on the Commission for the Aging, January 2, 2013 to January 2, 2016. Two candidates were recommended to the Board. Scott Centrella moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to **appoint Lisa Tasi** to fill the unexpired term on the **Commission for the Aging** from January 2, 2013 to January 2, 2016. Selectmen Centrella and Dunsby voted in favor to appoint, Selectman Lessler voted no. Motion carried. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **appoint Tom Schick** to fill an **unexpired alternate** six-year term on the **Board of Assessment Appeals** from November 3, 2009 to November 3, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to **reappoint Peter Pisaretz** to the **Insurance Commission** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **appoint Ron Barry** to the **Insurance Commission** filling an unexpired three-year term from January 2, 2012 to January 2, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to **reappoint Thomas Cable** to the **Park and Recreation Commission** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **reappoint David Gombos** to the **Park and Recreation Commission** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to **reappoint Eric Lawton** to the **Advisory Board for the Easton Senior Center** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Robert Lessler abstained. Motion carried. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **reappoint Maryellen Diana** to the **Advisory Board for the Easton Senior Center** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to **reappoint Sal Santella** to the **Advisory Board for the Easton Senior Center** for a three-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to **appoint Laurel Fedor** as a full member of the **Easton Agricultural Commission** filling an unexpired three-year term from January 2, 2013 to January 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to **appoint Gabriel Rossi** to fill an **unexpired six-year alternate** term on the **Board of Finance** from January 3, 2011 to January 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Christine Halloran, Town Clerk, discussed with the Board of Selectmen, various problems she has experienced since taking office on January 6, 2014. A computer

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consultant discovered that some of the systems had ceased to function because a computer code had been inserted causing the systems to show blank pages after January 19th. Ms. Halloran will keep the Board advised of her selection of new computer software for her office.

10. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to appoint the firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. to represent the Town's interest in a potential FOI complaint filed by MariAnn Gail Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Scott Centrella moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Lessler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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