

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
October 3, 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 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, September 19, 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. CHRISTOPHER GALAKOUTIS - \$88.98; 2. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST - \$44.60; 3. LIMAN YEH - \$54.45; 4. PHILIP SUAREZ - \$427.66; 5. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO. - \$76.76; 6. TOYOTA LEASE TRUST - \$252.84; 7. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD. - \$358.80; 8. AMY HANSON - \$75.91. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works gave an update on the bridges. (see attached) The bridge currently being worked on is behind schedule. After the Notice to Proceed was signed May 17, 2019, the project was given 210 days to completion. December 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 is scheduled for winter shutdown although work can proceed into December weather permitting. When test holes were drilled and more ledge was found than originally expected, more excavation of the west side of the bridge was needed to ensure for proper abutments and footings. This has resulted in an increase of time and cost for the project Public Works will work with MetroCOG to request adjusted funding should the costs exceed the 10% contingency of \$112,594. NJR Construction has several projects going at once which could be another explanation for the initial delays.  
A summer 2020 start date for the second South Park bridge replacement is projected but could change depending on the current bridge's delay.  
Ed Nagy reviewed the three other bridges in Town that are slated for renovation; Valley Road, Old Redding Road (50% Weston, who will take the lead on this project) and Silver Hill Road. All of these bridges are in need of repair but not yet scheduled.
5. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works requested calling the bond for Level 3 fiber optic line that runs 4.3 miles across the north end of Easton. The company, which has changed hands several times, has been unresponsive to the request for road repair in the last several years. A contractor for Level 3 had inspected in 2016 but Level 3 failed to authorize the road repair which includes three areas of cut and patch repair and numerous locations of roadway crack filling. The roads affected are Rock House and Maple which need to be chip sealed as soon as repairs are made. The bond of \$132,468 (and any interest to date) would cover the improvements needed. Robert Lessler asked that any back rent also be pursued. Robert Lessler moved to call the road opening bond for the fiber optic line now held by an entity called Level 3 in the amount of \$132,468.41 plus accruing interest in order to complete repair work needed at various points along the roadways where this fiber optic line is in place. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works discussed the benefits of purchasing a Caterpillar Front End Loader (a purchase previously approved in 2017) through a consortium, Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing

Program, in lieu of going out to bid. Easton is a low volume buyer and benefits from large group purchasing. The Town is currently a member of the program. With the Purchasing Ordinance restrictions requiring low bidder acceptance and fewer companies bidding on requests, it is the recommendation that Public Works purchase from H.O. Penn Machinery Co. the Caterpillar Front End Loader in the amount of \$202,000 with delivery in approximately 30 days. Adam Dunsby reminded the Board the ability to exempt a purchase. Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 160-10 Exceptions, C. The Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, in policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this chapter, specify purchases or classes of purchases which shall not be subject to the provisions of this chapter. If there is any question that any purchase may be exempt pursuant to this section, it should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for confirmation that it is exempt. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the recommendation of Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works to purchase a Caterpillar Front End Loader through the Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Program in the estimated cost of \$202,000. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Jay Habansky as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the unexpired terms of 1/2/2018 – 1/2/2021. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Lessler moved to appoint Jacqueline Kaufman as a member on the Board of Ethics for the unexpired term of 1/2/2018 – 1/2/2020. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Deidre Williams as a member of the Easton Energy and Environment Task Force. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Lessler moved to appoint Lise Fleurette as a member of the Easton Energy and Environment Task Force. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Robert Lessler mentioned an update on the SHU/Morehouse Field plans. Adam Dunsby will leave this topic to the incoming First Selectman. Robert Lessler acknowledged that this may be his last BOS meeting serving with Adam Dunsby. "Thank you for your service, it's been a privilege and pleasure to serve with you throughout your entire term and I thank you for your prior service on the Board of Education and Conservation Commission, you are obviously the epitome of a selfless public servant and wish you the best at whatever comes next," said Robert Lessler. Adam Dunsby thanked both Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler for their service.

9. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

# BRIDGE REPLACEMENT / REHABILITATION SUMMARY

Bridge #	Bridge Location	Estimated Engineering Design Fees	Estimated Construction Cost	Funding Source	Town's Portion	Construction Time Line
04211	So. Park Ave. near Buck Hill Rd. over the Mill River	\$68,500	\$1,351,137.02	LOTICIP Funds 100% of Construction	\$68,500	Summer/Fall 2019
04213	So. Park Ave. near Riverside La. over the Mill River	\$65,500	\$1,700,000 <sup>1</sup>	LOTICIP Funds 100% of Construction	\$65,500	Summer 2020
04934	Valley Rd. over the Aspetuck River	\$100,000	\$1,550,000	Preservation Project 80% Federal/ 20% Town	\$310,000	TBD
04933	Old Redding Rd. over Aspetuck River	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
05220	Silver Hill Rd. over Aspetuck River	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

<sup>1</sup> LOTICIP: State funds received after Bids are opened.