

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
February 20, 2020  
7:30 PM

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CHRISTINE HALLORAN  
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Town Hall Conference Room A

David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, February 6, 2020. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A resident spoke on the new seating arrangement for the BOS meeting, requests that the opening on boards and commissions be publicized and that the Highway Commission be resurrected. Another resident requested that the board openings be more easily found on the website. She also announced that David Brant, Aspetuck Land Trust is interested in purchasing the South Park property with the aid from the *Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program*, CT DEEP. Applications are due June 1, 2020. A price on the property is needed.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. TOYOTA LEASE TRUST - \$202.45; 2. TOYOTA LEASE TRUST - \$392.16; 3. TOYOTA LEASE TRUST - \$324.58; 4. SUZANNE CHLUDZINSKI - \$14.09. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. No appointments to boards, commissions or committees were made..
5. Robert Lessler moved to adopt the South Park Advisory Committee charge as amended (see attached). Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint the following slate to the South Park Advisory Committee: John Cunningham, Dwight Senior, Tara Kahn, Andrew Kachele, Robert Schrage, Ross Ogden, Elliot Leonard, Lisa Keane and Jeff Becker. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Kristi Sogofsky reported on the streaming Easton government meetings on the town website. Doug Dempsey will attend the next BOS meeting to demo. Startup costs will likely be \$5,000 and \$5,000 annually to supplement the Cable Chanel Council allocation for the filming, distribution and archiving of town meetings. No action taken.
7. Three types of policies regarding Social Media regulations were distributed. The selectmen will review and discuss at the next BOS meeting. The costs associated with archiving social media sites will also be discussed at the next BOS meeting. No action taken.
8. Information on a proposed policy regarding restricting 5G in Easton was handed out. Although not convinced of the validity of the dangers of 5G, David Bindelglass would like to take the time to look further into the 5G controversy. No action taken.
9. A resident commented on the need for more truth when it comes to 5G. This resident also commented on education concerns regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act which expired Nov. 30, 2019. She also believes four year olds should not be attending kindergarten but by state law a child can be enrolled at four years and seven months. The resident also feels that inappropriate health and wellness lessons are being taught in school in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She is also questioning what kinds of English language arts program is being provided to the children, sight word program vs phonics. Another resident asked if the BOE has a policy regarding their Facebook page. Also, they need to video stream BOE meetings.
10. Kristi Sogofsky reminded everyone of the Easton Courier launch Sat., Feb. 29, 2020 10am – 12pm at the Easton Community Center.
11. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Charge for the South Park Avenue Advisory Committee  
February 6, 2020

There shall be a Committee appointed by the First Selectman on the future use of South Park Avenue which is charged with investigating and reporting to the Board of Selectmen on the options for the future use of the approximately 30 acre parcel owned by the town of Easton since 2008, located on South Park Avenue and bounded by South Park Avenue and the Mill River.

The committee may consider any future use, whether or not such use is consistent with current zoning, for said parcel. The committee shall consider the fiscal impact of any future use. The committee may consider mixed uses. The committee shall consider whether the town should retain ownership, sell or lease the property, or engage in a public/private project.

The committee is authorized to contact any and all persons or entities who may have relevant information or interest in the parcel, including, but not limited to town officials and town organizations.

The committee shall have a minimum of five and a maximum 9 members who shall be residents of the town of Easton. The committee shall complete its work and file a written report with the Board of Selectmen on or before June 30, 2020. The committee shall appoint from its members a chair and a secretary and such other officers as it may deem appropriate. The committee may request an extension of time to complete its work.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Easton this twentieth day of February 2020.