

Minutes  
Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting  
May 15, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room A

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

The First Selectman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of May 1, 2014. Motion carried.
2. One resident urged the Board of officially appoint a committee to explore wireless coverage for the Town. Another resident requested the Board look into ways residents could dispose of leaves.
3. David Bussolotta updated the Board on potential feasibility studies for alternative wireless coverage. Various companies have been contacted and more data collected. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have a RFP drafted for a wireless distributed antenna system. Mr. Bussolotta will undertake the task and return to the Board on June 5, 2014 with a draft proposal for review.
4. A new defined contribution pension plan is proposed for adoption to serve as a pension plan for those Town employees no longer eligible to participate in the Town's defined benefit pension plan and for newly hired employees. Robert Lessler moved to adopt the Amendment for 457(b) Plan for the Town of Easton. Adam Dunsby seconded the motion. Motion carried. Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to adopt the Eligible 457 Prototype Plan Salary Reduction Contributions/Employer Contributions Adoption Agreement. Motion carried. Copies of both adopted documents are on file in the First Selectman's Office.
5. Carroll Brooke, a member of the Clean Energy Task Force, came to the Board requesting approval to submit a bid to UI to sell them renewable energy certificates if and when a solar system becomes operational at Samuel Staples Elementary School before October 1, 2016. The bid price and REC quantity would be determined by the First Selectman and submitted before June 5, 2014. After discussion of the details, which included that there would be no contractual commitment on the part of the Town if a bid was submitted, Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to authorize the First Selectman to confer with representatives of the Clean Energy Task Force and to execute any documents and act on behalf of the Town in the Renewable Energy Certificate Auction. Motion carried.
6. The Town put out a bid for curbside recycling for three different specifications: A) blue bins with once a week pickup (what the Town currently has); B) sixty-four gallon "toters" once a week; and, C) sixty-four gallon toters once every two weeks. Residential Waste Systems was the lowest bidder on all three specifications and the only company to bid on specification A. The representative from RWS recommended the toter option, in part because it leads to higher participation. After some discussion, the Board agreed to choose which specification to adopt and to formally award the bid for the service at their meeting on June 5, 2014.

7. Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to appoint the firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. to represent the Town of Easton in an appeal taken from the action of the Board of Assessment Appeals by 88 Staples Road, LLC and Doris Mathews. Motion carried.

Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to add to the agenda 7a. Discussion and possible action on the reappointment of Christopher Neubert to the Pension and Employee Benefits Commission as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee. Motion carried and the item was added.

7a. Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to reappoint Christopher Neubert to the Pension and Employee Benefits Commission for a four-year term from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2018. Motion carried.

Adam Dunsby moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to add to the agenda 7b. Discussion and possible action on the award of a bid for the renovations of the front office and main hallway at EMS headquarters. Motion carried and the item was added.

7b. Robert Lessler moved, Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to award the bid for the renovations of the front office and main hallway at EMS headquarters to Great Oak Remodeling in an amount of \$28,892.00 as recommended by the Easton EMS Commission. Motion carried.

8. Adam Dunsby moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Lessler seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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*Adam Dunsby* 5/19/14