

Agenda  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting April 22, 2021  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

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CHRISTINE HALLORAN  
TOWN CLERK  
EASTON CT

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, April 1, 2021, with the following corrections; agenda item 5, replace "were" with "was" and "They are" with "The members". Agenda item 6, add comma after day and careful. Agenda item 8 add comma after 2019. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, April 19, 2021. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. June Logie asked about her email regarding the pathway. Jeff Becker relayed Dwight Seniors request to hold the Memorial Day Parade and for more voting signage.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES - \$86.99; 2. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES - \$402.57; 3. BMW FINANCIAL SERVICES - \$494.05; 4. DEBORAH ICE - \$17.94; 5. PORSCHE LEASING LTD - \$1,521.23; 6. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO - \$306.90. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to award the bid for South Park Bridge Project #04213 to Nagy Brothers Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,265,597 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works, Assistant Town Engineer. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The recommendation letter and a letter recusing himself from the inspection, financial reviews and contruction approvals from Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works in accordance with the Town of Easton Code of Ethics is attached.
5. David Bindelglass said that the Westport Weston Health District Board of Directors voted to accept Easton into the district. In the interim of appointing a designated representative from Easton, David Bindelglass will serve on the Westport Weston Health District Board of Directors. Several resumes were presented and will be discuss at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Applicants are encouraged to be present for questions.
6. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve a waiver of the Purchasing Competitive Bidding Policy requested by Richard Doyle, Chief of Police for the purchase of body and dash cameras. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Robert Lessler moved to make an 8-24 referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the installation and placement of a batting and pitching cage on the Field of Dreams on Morehouse Road as described in a proposal from Candee Farms Landscaping dated April 5, 2021, and the attached map and drawings hereto. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Kristi Sogofsky moved to make an 8-24 referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the discontinuance of Old Burrs Highway. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. No action taken.

10. Chris Griffin, a member of the Center for Family Justice Board of Directors thanked the town for the support of the Center for Family Justice over the years. Chris described various programs and the free and confidential support the Center provides for anyone impacted by domestic and sexual violence, and child abuse. A flyer of services and contact information is attached.
11. David Bindelglass has had several discussions with Andy Kachele, Chairman of the Board of Finance, regarding the pathway from Helen Keller Middle School to Silverman's Farm. David wants to acknowledge that his predecessor, Adam Dunsby made a very clear and coherent presentation of the reimbursable state grant to the Board of Finance in October 2019. Andy had meetings with Aquarion to look into the possibility of an alternate pathway from Helen Keller but he reported back that Aquarion said it would be impossible. Several residents had offered their services to construct the pathway but it is just not possible. David Bindelglass thanked the residents who offered to help. After the last Board of Finance meeting where it was suggested that the entire amount of the project had to be pre-funded, David spoke with the state and the council of government. There are two towns in Connecticut who have the Town Meeting as their governing body and who have accepted the refundable TAP grants who did not fully fund the project prior to moving forward.
12. David Bindelglass reported the per 100,000 rate of COVID-19 is 15.2, with 410 cases in town. The governor plans to lift most restriction on businesses and gatherings on May 19, 2021 as we inch toward more normalcy. Connecticut has done well on vaccination rates and the positivity rate is below 2 percent. In the coming weeks, the selectmen will look into opening the Library, Senior Center and Town Hall with a policy for requirements to enter these buildings.
13. June Logie commented on the pathway and vaccines. Grant Monserrat spoke about the WWHD. Dana Benson spoke about the pathway. Jen De Jesus spoke of the pathway project. Dwight Senior spoke of the Memorial Day Parade, town signs and notifications and the pathway and bridge. June Logie spoke about road closures.
14. Kristi Sogofsky said her comment had already been addressed earlier in the meeting. Robert Lessler said the past few weeks in Easton have not been our finest moments. He was disappointed with the inaccurate information and personal attacks in the last several weeks surrounding the pathway. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on April 19, 2021, and more importantly, the vote on May 4, 2021. Bob also acknowledged the passing of former First Selectman, Bill Kupinse and remembered him as thoughtful, calm, smart and reasonable, deliberative and consistent, with a vision for our town. He left us too soon but his legacy will endure. May his memory be our blessing and may he rest in peace. David Bindelglass said he agrees with Bob and had the privilege to work with Bill during his term. His commitment to this town was unmatched. David Bindelglass also wanted to acknowledge the fact that Justin Giorlando, our Land Use Consultant, has gotten a lot of unfounded and negative criticism regarding the pathway project. Not only has Justin served our country as an engineer in the US Navy and worked for the State of Connecticut as a DOT engineer, he is enormously qualified and extremely well intentioned with his presentation to the town regarding the pathway. David went on to say he accepts responsibility for his part in this conversation regarding the pathway not being as smooth as it could be. He will continue to look into alternatives. David also reminded residents to educate themselves, participate in the Annual Town Meeting and get out and vote on May 4, 2021.
15. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

April 21, 2021

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Easton

**RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF BID**  
**REPLACEMENT OF SOUTH PARK AVENUE BRIDGE NO. 04213**

Dear Selectmen:

A sealed bid was publicly advertised and then opened by the First Selectman's Office on March 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. for the Item listed above.

We had eight bids submitted and it is recommended that it be awarded to the low bidder subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and Plans.

**Nagy Brothers Construction LLC \$1,265,597.00**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce E. Bombero Sr.".

Bruce E. Bombero Sr., P.E., L.S.  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
Assistant Town Engineer

BEB/jl

Attachments: Anchor Recommendation Letter  
MetroCog Recommendation Letter  
State of CT Authorization to Award

**April 20,  
2021**

**Board of Selectmen  
Town of Easton**

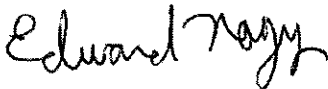
**RE: Replacement of South Park Ave Bridge No. 04213  
Nagy Brothers Construction LLC as low bidder**

**Dear Selectmen,**

**In accordance with the Town of Easton Code of Ethics, as an employee of the Town of Easton with personal interest in Nagy Brothers Construction LLC I recuse myself from the inspection, financial reviews and construction approvals of this project.**

**I would like this noted on the record in the public meeting of the Board of Selectmen of April 22, 2021 and so recorded in the minutes of that meeting.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Nagy".

**Edward Nagy**



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**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- 24-hour Emergency Hotlines
- Crisis Safe House
- Safety Planning
- Emotional Support & Education
- Support Groups
- Court Advocacy
- Legal Assistance & Referrals
- Self-Sufficiency Programming
- College Campus Advocacy
- Wellness Programming
- Prevention Education & Training
- Outreach



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