

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting January 20, 2022
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A
ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler and Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, January 6, 2022, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Board of Selectmen were asked to consider approving the opt out of sections of Public Act 21-29 as passed unanimously by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 10, 2022. Residents mentioned that they were unable to attend the Planning and Zoning public hearing because a virtual option was not made available. A discussion ensued regarding the Cares Act. Lastly, a resident reminded everyone that they should be speaking for themselves and not the group during town governance meetings.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE-\$1,487.93. 2. SHEILA ROBINSON-\$74.30. 3. ELIZABETH AND MARIO CAPELA-\$213.40. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. David Bindelglass mentioned that Alison Witherbee, MSW, Municipal Agent for Aging is serving a four (4) year appointment from January 2022-January 2026. David presented the following updates for the Conservation Commission; Vivian Hardison officially resigned. Maria Corti moved from alternate to member for the term 1/2/22-1/2/25. Karen Niesyn moved from alternate to member for the term 1/2/22-1/2/25. Sarah Cwikla moved from member to alternate for the term 1/2/22-1/2/24. This leaves two (2) alternate vacancies for the Conservation Commission. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Kasey Gormley as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission for the term 1/2/22-1/2/25. Kristi

Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David moved to appoint Carolyn Oppenheim as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission for the term 1/2/22-1/2/24. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Steve Landa as a member to the Pension and Employee Benefits Commission for the term 1/2/22-1/2/26. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Slavika Prevelige as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Board for the term 1/2/22-1/2/25. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Robert Lessler moved to opt out of Public Act 21-29, Section 8-1bb and Subdivision (5) of Subsection (d) of Section 8-2 of the general statutes regarding the authorization of the installation of temporary health care structures. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to opt out of Public Act 21-29, Subdivision (9) of Subsection (d) of Section 8-2 of the general statutes regarding parking space requirements for dwellings. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to opt out of Public Act 21-29, Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 6 of Public Act No. 21-29 regarding allowance of accessory apartments. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. One resident stated that temporary pod structures cannot be left on residential properties for an extended period of time. Suggestions for the Board of Selectmen agenda was to be more specific (e.g. add the sections within the Public Act 21-29 that are being voted on, put the name of the residents nominated for commission openings).
7. David discussed the decrease in COVID numbers in Easton; week ending 1/15/22, there were 48 cases. Boards, commissions and committees will continue to be flexible with scheduling in person and/or virtual meetings. The Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing was not hybrid due to staff illness. COVID tests and N95 masks can be picked up at the Easton Police Department. Steve Waugh retired as Fire Chief. After many years as serving as a full time firefighter, Jimmy Wright retired. A big thanks to the Tasi family who will be donating another Town of Easton flag. Thank you to all, for your generous contributions towards the new EMS headquarters. A special thanks to Renn and Janet Gordon who have offered to donate \$150,000 in matching funds.
8. David Bindelglass moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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