

Minutes  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting February 17, 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 as amended, February 3, 2022. 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. MICHAEL KOT-\$33.39. 2. MICHELE GIORGIANNI-\$276.30. 3. ACAR LEASING LTD.-\$408.52. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. David Bindelglass moved to approve a 2.75% base increase to annual wages for non-union employees for FY23. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. David Bindelglass presented the proposed members of the Emergency Medical Services Planning & Building Committee; Jon Arnold, Thomas Bladek, Wendy Bowditch, Dan Connell, John Foley, Michael Guskowsky and Victor Malindretos. Committee charge language will be presented at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint the seven (7) members to the committee. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. David Bindelglass discussed the addition of two (2) alternate members to the Library Board of Trustees due to not having a quorum present at meetings. The amendment to the Library Board Chapter 112 Ordinance will be presented at the Annual Town meeting.
7. Elizabeth Boyce will present on the Demolition Delay Ordinance at the Board of Selectmen meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Peter Howard, Building Inspector will be invited to attend.
8. The Library Board of Trustee update brought about a question regarding vacancies. The Library Board ordinance contains information about vacancies in section 112-4. There was a suggestion that Town Hall have a "how to" manual when forming new commissions. A resident suggested that the firehouse

be a strong consideration for the new EMS location. A resident brought forward concerns regarding 225 Norton Road also known as Burr Road. There is an unapproved steel gate on the town road blocking passage to the road that needs to be removed. There are very large boulders dumped on the road blocking passage 200' beyond the gate put there by construction workers adding an addition to the home that needs to be removed. Both the gate and boulders are a liability to the town and prevent access of fire crew and rescue team vehicles to Trout Brook Valley. The property owners are harassing people walking Norton Road telling them they don't belong on the road and there are signs installed along the road discouraging use of the road. These are not town signs and need to be removed. The 225 Norton Road property owners request to discontinue the road should not be approved as it is their attempt to prevent town residents from walking the road. If the town moves forward on this, it needs to be discussed with the townspeople.

9. After public comment by a resident, David Bindelglass requested consideration that the Pride flag be hung for the month of June. This will be further discussed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. David mentioned that Town Charters are followed when creating new commissions and that building commissions are very different and not on the same playing field as policy commissions. The mask mandate in the Town of Easton public buildings will be lifted on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
10. David Bindelglass moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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