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Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting March 17, 2022 7:30 PM

Town Hall Conference Room A (In-Person)

And

Virtually via Zoom

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

- 1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, March 3, 2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. A resident asked why the Town Meeting is being categorized as a "Special" meeting instead of a regular Annual Town Meeting. She also expressed her concern about amending the Library Ordinance due to the lack of a quorum. In her opinion, individuals who volunteer for a committee should commit to attend the meetings to avoid this issue. A resident and student shared their support to fly the Pride flag for the month of June.
- 3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. ACAR LEASING LTD.-\$314.18. 2. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$459.44. 3. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$401.96 4. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$27.95. 5. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$112.97. 6. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$536.42. 7. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$130.05. 8. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$117.17. 9. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$131.34. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. David Bindelglass shared that he received letters in support of the Demolition Delay Ordinance from Preservation Connecticut and the Land Use Director of Redding. Dave introduced Elizabeth Boyce and Bruce Nelson who provided a presentation of the ordinance. Robert Lessler moved to approve the Demolition Delay Ordinance and add to the Annual Town Meeting agenda for April 25th. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. The following Board of Selectmen meeting schedule changes will be made: cancel April 7th and add special meetings for April 8th to finalize Annual Town Meeting questions and April 19th for a presentation by the Affordable Housing Committee.
- 6. A public hearing for the proposed sale of the South Park Avenue property will be held on April 18th at 7:00 pm at SSES. Approval of the sale will be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda.

- Robert Lessler moved to approve a ceremony to raise the Pride flag on June 1st for 2022 and 2023 and continue flying the flag for the month of June. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. David Bindelglass moved to approve the formation of the Human Resource Advisory Committee as amended with five (5) members; three Selectmen, Director of Finance or designee and one non-union employee of the town. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the Emergency Medical Services Planning & Building Committee charge. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10. David Bindelglass moved to approve as amended the Library Board Chapter 112 Ordinance and place on the agenda for the Annual Town Hall meeting on April 25th. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 11. After some discussion, it was agreed that a more comprehensive review of the Zoning Enforement Ordinance including Conservation, Planning & Zoning and Wetlands is necessary.
- 12. David Bindelglass shared that the Annual Town Meeting is April 25, 2022, at 7:00 pm going to a machine vote on May 3, 2022, Samuel Staples Elementary School from 6:00 am–8:00 pm. A special Board of Selectman meeting will be held on April 8th to finalize questions/agenda items.
- 13. A resident shared his support to fly the Pride flag for the month of June and requested that the Flag policy be posted on the website. Another resident expressed his interest in participating in a Demolition Delay committee. Lastly, a resident shared that the agenda items such as ordinances should be available on the website even if it is in a draft format (e.g. Demolition Delay Ordinance, Zoning Enforcement Ordinance). She also mentioned that an Annual Town Meeting is where the public conducts their business and they should be able to add items to the agenda that evening.
- 14. Robert Lessler stated that items cannot be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda and that the resident is incorrect. Bob congratulated John Foley for his work with moving Ireland's Great Hunger Museum museum from Quinnipiac University to Downtown Fairfield. Kristi Sogofsky recognized all the amazing fundraising efforts that the children in town have been doing for Ukraine.
- 15. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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