

Minutes  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting May 19, 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 7:32 p.m.  
Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler, Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, April 21, 2022, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. One resident asked when the South Park land sale to Aspetuck would be completed. The Board of Selectmen mentioned it could take until September before it is finalized.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. ADIRONDACK ESTATES, LLC-\$438.06. 2. CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE-\$9,203.25. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the transfer of the lease agreement with Speckled Rooster Farm to Silverman's Farm effective immediately for the land on Morehouse Road adjacent to Samuel Staples Elementary School with a goal to provide educational opportunities to students. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Dan and Gina Blaze, co-directors of the New England Prayer Center, proposed a purchase of 5 +/- acres of land on South Park Avenue which would include the house, cottage and barn which they have been currently renting from the Town. Since renting, renovations and upkeep of over \$100,000 has been put into the property by the Blaze's. A survey is being done and once that is completed, they will be able to offer a price for the purchase. Deed restrictions and whether the purchase is made by them or under the New England Prayer Center will need to be further discussed. They shared their concerns about the petition and what that would mean to them and the continued operation of the New England Prayer Center.
6. David read the petition and welcomed public comment. A resident shared that Preserve 06612 put forward the petition with the intent to preserve the South Park property. Extensive discussion ensued about the wording of the petition.

A resident suggested taking South Park out of the Affordable Housing Plan as that seemed to be the major concern. David Bindelglass made a motion to warn the Special Town Meeting with the petition statement wording as is to be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT at 7:00 pm.

7. A resident clarified that the language of the petition "to discuss and act upon" allows modification at the Special Town Meeting.
8. David Bindelglass reminded everyone about the upcoming Public Hearing for the Affordable Housing Plan, Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Samuel Staples at 7:00pm. Also, a proclamation was signed recognizing May 8<sup>th</sup> as Ovarian Cancer Day. Robert Lessler mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day parade and is looking forward to seeing everyone. Kristi Sogofsky thanked Ed Nagy and crew for putting the flagpole up.
9. David Bindelglass moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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