

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting August 4, 2022
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A (In-Person)
And
Virtually via Zoom

David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler, Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, June 21, 2022, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. During public comment, a resident commented on the soil contamination at the Easton Village store and possible water supply contamination. She wanted to know how this happened and what process of remediation is in place. She stated Preserve 06612 would like their questions answered publicly and they want to know what entities will be involved to avoid this from happening again in the future. The same resident stated that the draft of the easement is not what was approved at the Special Town Meeting and requested that no action be taken today since the document was not made public until late this afternoon. Also, she requested that residents have a way to communicate comments, questions or concerns to the Board of Selectmen. Per David Bindelglass, comments and questions regarding the Conservation Restriction can be directed to Ginger Fiore, Assistant to the First Selectman at gfiore@eastonct.gov.
3. Kristi Sogofsky reviewed the draft of the Planning and Zoning Commission Ordinance with updated language to move the commission from appointed to elected position by 2023. The ordinance approval via Special Town Meeting must be completed by May to have nominees on the next ballot. Kristi will work on the changes discussed tonight and present at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
4. David Bindelglass discussed the Conservation Easement for South Park Avenue. David met with June Logie and Andrew Kupinse as representatives of the petitioners along with Gina and Dan Blaze. Items discussed were; definition of passive recreation and how much land would be set aside for NEPC along with the structure of the lease for NEPC. Dave reviewed the Conservation Easement and stated that the lease would consist of the two (2) houses and the barn totaling 4.6 acres. Lease negotiations will begin soon. Robert Lessler shared the language of another town's Conservation Easement Prohibitions.
5. David Bindelglass stated the following regarding the soil contamination at 438/444 Sport Hill Road.
 - There are no statutory or regulatory statues over the removal of tanks.
 - The Fire Marshall is the only person who is notified of the removal of commercial tanks.
 - The Building Inspector requests soil samples for the removal of residential tanks.
 - Hazardous materials do not fall under the Health Department; however, wells do.

- Town departments have been discussing what happened and what can be done to avoid this issue in the future.
 - Aquarion was contacted by the DEEP and the understanding is the watershed was not contaminated.
 - The DEEP will be sending its final report to Easton Town Hall.
6. During public comment, many residents shared their suggestions and opinions on the draft of the Planning & Zoning Commission Ordinance, the soil contamination issue at EVS and the Conservation Restriction.
 7. No board member comment.
 8. David Bindelglass moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm. Robert Lessler Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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