

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting September 15, 2022
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A (In-Person)
And
Virtually via Zoom

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

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, August 25, 2022. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. During public comment, a resident requested that an update on the soil/water contamination at EVS be added to the agenda. She expressed her concern about the lack of communication from the Board of Selectmen regarding this issue and also requested that the town meeting and referendum be set as soon as possible. Another resident heard that there is a signed lease with a food service company for the EVS location. Lastly, a resident shared his concern about Affordable Housing in Easton as discussed at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SERVICES USA LLC-\$801.92. 2. HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$458.92. 3. JOHN CAPECI-\$75.15. 4. ACAR LEASING LTD-\$150.85. 5. ACAR LEASING LTD-\$352.65. 6. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$206.15. 7. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$78.99. 8. ALLY FINANCIAL-\$303.25. 9. ALLY FINANCIAL-\$430.61. 10. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$206.15. 11. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$188.84. 12. BRIAN DALY-\$172.12. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Jacob Conover as an alternate to the Agricultural Commission for the term 9/15/22-1/2/23. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Lessler moved to approve the Conservation Restriction for South Park Avenue as presented this evening. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board of Selectmen will set the special town meeting and referendum dates at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Discussion ensued amongst the Board of Selectmen as to what the town will be voting on and the process of a petition, special town meeting and referendum.
6. During public comment, several residents spoke about how outraged they were that the Board of Selectmen would consider any other petitions, proposals or uses for the South Park property since the town already approved the easement. Another resident shared that Preserve 06612 brought forward the petition with good intentions to preserve the land so to pick apart the language of the petition is unnecessary. Another resident shared that he understands why all possibilities for the South Park property may be considered, but feels it would be highly unlikely.

He does not agree that just any proposal should be considered. Clarity was provided that tonight's vote was for the language of the restriction.

7. David Bindelglass provided an update on EVS stating that the September 15th deadline set by DEEP was met. AER sent a report to DEEP. DEEP confirmed receipt of the report and emailed a copy to the Fire Marshall who is legally responsible for overseeing this not the Health Department. The report contains pages of data that we are not qualified to interpret, however, DEEP will review and make recommendations. DEEP did not mandate urgent action be taken but will have AER monitor the wells based on a timetable set by DEEP. The Health Department will test EMS and Fire on Monday or Tuesday of next week since it is public water. EVS water was tested and reviewed by AER, we do not know what the conclusion is but there is less urgency since it is not open. Results will be sent to DEEP and EVS will not be allowed to open without DEEP's approval. David spoke about the petition, special town meeting and referendum process regarding the South Park property and made a personal commitment to not vote on anything else prior to the Conservation Easement vote. Kristi Sogofsky echoed David's commitment to not vote on anything else prior to the Conservation Easement vote. Robert Lessler clarified the comments he made regarding the Conservation Easement. He thanked EMS for a wonderful fireworks display!
8. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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