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Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting December 15, 2022

7:30 PM

Town Hall Conference Room A (In-Person)

Virtually via Zoom

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, November 17, 2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. A resident thanked all those who came out to vote and supported the South Park Conservation Restriction. This same resident shared her thoughts about the confusion surrounding the petition, town meeting and referendum process.
- 3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector, 1, SHEILA ROBINSON-\$134.52, 2, HONDA LEASE TRUST-\$451,96, 3, DESIREE FLYNN-\$270.44. 4. ACAR LEASING LTD.-\$458.79. 5. ACAR LEASING LTD.-\$1,108.30. 6. ACAR LEASING LTD.-\$459.22. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Gina and Dan Blaze presented a proposal to buy the property they are currently living on at South Park. To listen to full presentation: https://vimeo.com/showcase/easton-board-of-selectmen
- The Board of Ethics Ordinance Section 52-5 Disclosure of Financial Interest form was discussed. Ben Lehberger, the co-chair of the Board of Ethics Committee was present via zoom and stated he would bring the recommended changes to the next committee meeting. Robert Lessler said he would try to attend the next Board of Ethics Committee meeting.
- 6. Robert Lessler moved to approve the charge for the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Charge can be found on Town website: https://www.eastonct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3071/f/agendas/edit\_charge-approved\_12.15.22.pdf
- 7. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the Building Department clerical position from a class 6 to class 5 position because it aligns with the responsibilities of the other class 5 positions at Town Hall and the position took on more responsibilities when the Town moved from a full time building inspector to part time. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. A few residents shared their dismay as to what was posted on the Easton Democratic Party social media page. One resident mentioned that as soon as South Park was placed in the Affordable Housing Plan it caused immediate concern and prompted the petition. This same resident went on to say that Easton residents need to be educated on the Town Meeting process.
- 9. Robert Lessler congratulated the Barlow football, volleyball and track teams. Kristi Sogofsky said she was surprised by the Easton Democratic Party social media post. David Bindelglass thanked all the poll workers who volunteered on December 13. He appointed Brandon Harvey as an alternate to the Conservation Commission.
- 10. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.