

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting July 6, 2023
7:30 PM

Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler, Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, June 15, 2023 as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. During public comment, several residents endorsed Dan Lent for the Planning & Zoning Commission. One resident endorsed Lou DiPietro being elevated from alternate to member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Also, shared was a concern about the soil at EVS.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. DANIEL LENT-\$842.94. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following Driveway Bond Release, Permit #1821, 5 Ferndale Drive to Jessica Jablon, in the amount of \$750.00 by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Fees charged for copies and scanning of public records will be discussed at the next meeting, as further clarification is needed.
6. David Bindelglass moved to decline bringing the proposal to purchase property at South Park by the New England Prayer Center (the Blaze's) to a town meeting. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A lease option will be considered with a time limit on reaching an agreement.
7. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Taylor Westlund as a member to the Land Acquisition & Preservation Authority for the term ending 1/2/25. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. During public comment, it was suggested to have a formal town counsel assigned to Easton. Some residents supported the Board's decision to decline bringing the proposal to purchase the property at South Park by the New England Prayer Center to a town meeting. Robert Lessler was thanked and congratulated on his upcoming retirement. One resident suggested looking at grants, accessing a grant writer and fundraising opportunities to fund the Land Acquisition and Preservation Authority.
9. During board member comment, Robert Lessler shared his thoughts about having a formal town counsel for Easton. The Land Acquisition and Preservation Authority Ordinance contains many funding suggestions. Kristi Sogofsky feels the town needs to stay intimately involved with the work being done at EVS. David Bindelglass stated that additional soil tests were being conducted at EVS. We will open cooling centers as needed, please call the non-emergent police number if you need assistance.
10. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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