

Minutes  
Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 15, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room A

Present: Adam Dunsby; Scott S. Centrella; Robert H. Lessler

The First Selectman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
2. No public comment heard.
3. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Christine Calvert, Tax Collector: 1. Daimler Trust - \$192.92; 2. Barbara George - \$394.02; and 3. Richard Montanaro - \$589.33. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Monda from the Easton Fire Commission with thanks for his years of service to the Town. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Athan Crist, Mark Pompa, and Steve Lichtman came to the Board to discuss donating a pavilion for Town use on the Morehouse Road property. Informal discussions were held over the past four to five years with representatives of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning and Zoning to determine the best location. With a master plan for the development of the property on Morehouse Road under way, this request was brought to the Board of Selectmen for possible action. Maps were reviewed and possible locations were discussed. Adam Dunsby moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to make an 8-24 referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an open air pavilion, approximately 20' x 40', to be located across from the center field of Morehouse baseball field, and further requests if this location is not suitable, to recommend an alternate location in the area traced out by the Board of Selectmen as shown on the Map of Property prepared for Easton Parks and Recreation dated July 24, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Dick Dina, Easton Tree Warden, updated the Board of work being done in Town with regard to the current program of tree trimming sponsored by United Illuminating. To this end, Mr. Dina explained the need to increase the hours needed to do this work and thus, proposed a suggested increase to the stipend he receives. Adam Dunsby proposed, to the Human Resources Advisory Committee on January 8, 2015, a stipend increase from approximately \$2,500 annually, to approximately \$5,000 annually for fiscal year 2015-2016. The HRAC approved the increase. Mr. Dina has requested \$27,500. The Board of Selectmen agreed each member would like to further review the matter of an additional increase and will discuss the issue again at their meeting on February 5, 2015. The HRAC will meet again on February 10, 2015 at which time additional information could be presented for their review.
7. Adam Dunsby advised the Board he has been in discussions with Sacred Heart University regarding the South Park Avenue property. Representatives from Sacred Heart University have

confirmed they would like to make a public presentation of a conceptual use of this property by the university. First Selectman Dunsby will schedule with representatives from the university for a date, time and place.

8. First Selectman Dunsby advised the Board that the Option and Ground Lease Agreement and related documents, have been signed with Homeland Towers LLC for the construction of a cell tower on the Morehouse Road property. Adam Dunsby further advised that a special permit application has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the solar panel project to be located behind Samuel Staples Elementary School.

Adam Dunsby moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to add to the agenda 8a. Discuss and approve the release of a Road Opening Bond for 187 Staples Road and the release of a Driveway Bond for 187 Staples Road as recommended by Bruce E. Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added.

8a. Adam Dunsby moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the release of a Road Opening Bond in an amount of \$750.00, Permit No. 952, for 187 Staples Road as recommended by Bruce E. Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Motion carried unanimously. Adam Dunsby moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the release of a Driveway Bond in an amount of \$3,000.00, Permit No. 1476, for 187 Staples Road as recommended by Bruce E. Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Scott Centrella moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Lessler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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