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Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting

March 6, 2014 – 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 7:36 p.m.

1. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of February 20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A resident spoke to the proposed policy enabling access to counsel by certain Town agencies without prior approval by the Board of Selectmen.
3. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Christine Calvert, Tax Collector: 1. Jacques & Jessica DePardieu - \$6,183.33; 2. Robert & Joanne Mazzeo - \$149.90; 3. Carol Revak - \$30.74; and 4. Michael Sardili - \$67.68. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Chief Candee came to the Board requesting a waiver of the purchasing requirements to not go through the bidding process for the purchase of a dispatch console system. The purchase of this would be made by LOCIP funds. Chief Candee advised the system and related furniture can be purchased from Utility Communications under the State of Connecticut bid price. The Chief referred back to the Board of Selectmen Meeting of September 12, 2013 at which he stated the Board reaffirmed if the item could be purchased under the State of Connecticut bidding process, a waiver could be sought. After some discussion of the Town's purchasing ordinance and a read of the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of September 12, 2013, the Board deferred action on this request until confirmation of the specific action taken by the Board on September 12, 2013 and that the State Bid program could be used as a waiver of the Town's purchasing requirements.

Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to add to the agenda 4a. Discussion and possible action on a resolution regarding the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2012 State Homeland Security Grant Funding. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added.

4a. At their meeting of October 3, 2013, the Board of Selectmen authorized Thomas A. Herrmann, First Selectman of the Town of Easton to act on behalf of the Town in matters relating to 2012 State Homeland Security Grant funding. With the November 5, 2013 municipal election, Adam Dunsby was elected the First Selectman for the Town of Easton. A new authorizing resolution by the Board of Selectmen is now required naming Adam Dunsby to act on behalf of the Town of Easton. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion, "RESOLVED, that the Town of



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Easton may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Adam Dunsby, as First Selectman of the town of Easton, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Easton and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents." Motion carried unanimously.

5. The Board solicited proposals for a new Town website. Three companies responded and presented to the Board. After discussion and comparison of their services, Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to engage Virtual Towns and Schools to provide a new website design and related services conditional on availability of financing. Motion carried unanimously. Adam Dunsby will work with town staff to provide information to the company and work on the design. At some point, a policy will be developed relating to appropriate materials to be posted, etc.
6. With the updating of the Town website, Adam Dunsby moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to authorize the First Selectman to engage an individual to update the new website with an annual fiscal year payment of up to \$1,000.00. If work started prior to the end of the current fiscal year, a prorated payment would be made to June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The Board discussed the use of legal counsel by certain Town agencies under a retainer or other arrangement. The First Selectman will develop a policy relating to this use and email a draft to the other Board members for their review and comments. Further discussion on this matter will be held by the Board of Selectmen in April 2014.

Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to add to the agenda 7a. Discussion and possible action on a petition received calling for a special Town meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added.

7a. A petition was received by the First Selectman on March 5, 2014 calling for a special Town Meeting to discuss and vote on the following proposed Town ordinance, "The Town shall neither acquire, lend, borrow, lease, nor dispose of any real Town property by any means whatsoever without the prior express approval of its legislative body, the Town Meeting." The Board of Selectmen has sought a legal review and will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at a special Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss and take possible action on this petition.

8. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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