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Minutes  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting August 25, 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. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, August 4, 2022, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, August 16, 2022. David Bindelglass seconded. Kristi Sogofsky abstained. Motion passed.
2. During public comment, a resident shared her concern about the response from the CT Siting Council regarding the modifications to the telecommunications facility located at 275 North Street. Several residents asked why the Conservation Restriction would go to a referendum when a vote was already taken at the Town Meeting. A resident stated that the Board of Finance meeting minutes for July 5<sup>th</sup>, were still not posted on the Town website. A member of the Historical Society of Easton stated that a grant was approved by the Board of Selectmen in April and submitted to the Town for submission to the state, however, she was recently told it was never submitted. She would like to know what assurances will be put in place so this does not happen in the future. Another resident shared that the public is very upset about the lack of communication from the Town regarding the soil contamination at the Easton Village Store. Also, she mentioned that it would be helpful to have the documents discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting uploaded to the minutes on the Town website. Lastly, she requested clarification as to what the Town will be voting on regarding the Conservation Restriction. A resident shared that the SEEC complaint brought against the Easton DTC is still open.
3. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Christopher Hull as an alternate to the Historic Review Committee for the term 8/25/22-1/2/2027. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Frank Pagliaro as an alternate to the Historic Review Committee for the term 8/25/22-1/2/2025. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of Linda Dollard from the Library Board of Trustees effective immediately and thanked her for her service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Renee Neiger from alternate to member of the Library Board of Trustees for the term 8/25/22-1/2/2024. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of Chase Cameron from the Park & Recreation Commission effective immediately and thanked him for his service. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. David Bindelglass notified the CT Siting Council that the Town of Easton has a 5G moratorium in place and therefore the modification of hardware to 5G at the 275 North Street telecommunications facility should not be completed. This request was denied. Discussion ensued and it was decided that David Bindelglass would reach out to the CT Siting Council with the Town's health concerns and seek legal counsel.
5. David mentioned that all departments involved, met at Town Hall yesterday to discuss the progress being made and timetable for monitoring and/or remediating contamination at the Easton Village Store. This included the Building Official, Fire Marshal, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Health Department Director, Conservation Commission Chair and Steve Montgomery whose property borders the Easton Village Store. Steve presented to the Board of Selectmen his involvement and concerns surrounding this issue. Dori Wollen, Conservation Commissioner shared her thoughts and concerns as well. A resident asked "What power does the Town have? The Town has the power to assist in ensuring that DEEP deadlines are met and any further steps recommended are followed. Future steps to prevent similar occurrences are under consideration.
6. The Conservation Easement was reviewed and minor changes were made. David Bindelglass felt a topic of this importance should go to a machine vote. Kristi Sogofsky said the concept of the easement was approved at the Town Meeting. The language of the easement could be taken to a machine vote; however, a clear distinction and clarification needs to be provided to residents so they understand what they are voting on. A resident representing the petitioners will forward further updates to be taken into consideration and a town meeting and referendum will be set.
7. During public comment, one resident suggested that a flashing light be provided at Helen Keller for the safety of students. Also, he stressed the importance of maintaining residential zoning in both the one and three acre zones. Several residents agreed with Kristi that that language should be voted on, not the concept of the easement. David Bindelglass and a resident had a conversation around the Land Use Ordinance. Lastly, Dori Wollen suggested adding the conservation easement to the November ballot as a cost saving to the Town contingent upon the deadline.
8. Board members shared that school will begin so keep an eye out for children and buses. Kristi Sogofsky stated that we need to continue to move forward with the concerns and issues raised at tonight's meeting. David Bindelglass apologized for his frustration.
9. David Bindelglass moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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