

Meeting Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen

September 3, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Conference Room A

Adam Dunsby called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Present: Adam Dunsby and Scott Centrella and Robert Lessler

1. Robert Lessler moved and Scott Centrella seconded to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of July 16, 2015, with corrections. There is an "l" missing from Robert Lessler's name in item 1. In item 5, it should read "permission to sell the pumpkin crop". Motion passed unanimously.
2. No public comment.
3. Scott Centrella moved and Robert Lessler seconded to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Christine Calvert, Tax Collector: 1. FRANCES BION Jr. - \$49.34; 2. USB LEASING - \$219.64; 3. FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST - \$546.60; 4. FINANCIAL SER VEH TRUST - \$275.79; 5. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO. - \$113.20; 6. USB LEASING - \$215.85; 7. MICHELLE BRAVO-IBANEZ - \$53.16; 8. ALAIN BOURGEOIS - \$55.60; 9. DONALD ANDERSON - \$ 15.19. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved and Scott Centrella seconded to accept the bid of \$188,977.59 for a TANDEM AXLE PLOW/DUMP TRUCK by Hine Brothers Inc. as recommended by Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Scott Centrella moved and Robert Lessler seconded the extension of the farm lease agreement between the Town of Easton and Sport Hill Farm LLC for a period of two additional years, now expiring December 31, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved and Scott Centrella seconded to grant permission to Sport Hill Farm LLC to co-sponsor the sale of pumpkins with the Easton PTA and ELF from the land in front of SSES on October 3 and 4, 2015; October 10 and 11, 2015; October 17 and 18, 2015 and October 24 and 25, 2015 or until the pumpkins are sold out. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Scott Centrella moved and Robert Lessler seconded to disband the Human Resource Advisory Committee previously empaneled by the Board of Selectmen and henceforth all duties and

responsibilities previously delegated to the Committee will revert back to the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Robert Lessler moved and Scott Centrella seconded the motion to approve the letter to the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission in response to the referral to the Board of Selectmen pursuant to C.G.S. 8-23 in regards to the proposed master plan for the Morehouse property with the following corrections. The first line should read, "This is the Board...". On point 1), the second sentence should read, "close to the north side of the school,...". On point 2), the third paragraph should read, "forward by the town, but ..." Finally, on point 3), the last sentence should read, "provide the office space needed for that project." Motion passed unanimously.
9. Robert Lessler asked if there was any report on the FOI commission hearing regarding Dacey v Town of Easton, Adam Dunsby, Robert Lessler, Scott Centrella and the Board of Selectmen. Adam Dunsby reported that we would know in a few weeks the outcome of the hearing.
10. Scott Centrella moved and Robert Lessler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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September 4, 2015

Mr. Robert Maquat
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Dear Mr. Maquat:

This is the Board of Selectmen's response to your memo of July 24, 2015 asking the Board of Selectmen for input, in accordance with CGS 8-23, for the proposed master plan for the Morehouse property.

The Board of Selectmen appreciates your commission's hard work and endorses the plan with three comments.

- 1) The plan contains a walking trail. This trail passes close to the north side of the school, and passes between the school and the proposed outdoor classroom. Given that walking trails are typically open to the public during hours that overlap with school hours, we suggest you consider whether the trail's proximity to the school is appropriate.
- 2) The school has brought forward the idea of parking buses in Easton. Presently, the district's buses are parked in Bethel. The rent is \$130,000 (born by Easton, Redding, and Region 9). Further, parking the buses at such a distance generates expenses in terms of fuel and man hours, as well as exhaust pollution. There has also been discussion on using natural gas-fueled buses, which is cheaper and generates less pollution than diesel.

The large acreage and the proximity to the natural gas lines at the Morehouse property make it a candidate for consideration for such a project. Portions of the south end of the property or behind the school may be appropriate. It is our understanding that parking for 45 buses, bus drivers' cars, and a small office would be required.

This project is just a concept at this point, and may or may not be moved forward by the town, but the Board of Selectmen believes that it is serious enough to warrant requesting the flexibility in your plan to accommodate it, if appropriate.

3) As Easton grows, and demand for recreation and road maintenance increases, additional storage space for equipment will be needed. Presently, most equipment is stored at either the Public Works or Parks and Recreation garages, facilities that are already full. The Board of Selectman requests that flexibility in the plan for a storage barn, should additional space be needed in the future, be considered. If a bus parking area is ever created, the barn could also provide the office space needed for that project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Dunsby", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Adam Dunsby
First Selectman

AD/jfh