

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
March 19, 2020  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, February 20, 2020 with the following corrections; in agenda item 6. "of" added after the word "streaming" and in agenda item 9. "kinds" should be "kind". Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 1 A. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting March 16, 2020 with one correction in agenda item 2. Add "Facebook Live" test...to last sentence. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. No public comment.  
Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE - \$1,330.11; 2. TOYOTA LEASE TRUST - \$121.81; 3. SEAN GORDON - \$98.69; 4. JEANNE MATEFY - \$5,178.38. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Mark Peyser as a member of the Board of Ethics for the term of 1/2/2020 – 1/2/2022. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The board tabled the nomination for the other opening on the Board of Ethics. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Sage Raga as an alternate on the Agriculture Commission for the term of 1/2/2020 – 1/2/2023. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Denise Hebner as an alternate on the Agriculture Commission for the unexpired term of 1/2/2019 – 1/2/2022. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Walter Kowalczyk, the representative from the Planning and Zoning Commission, to the Sustainable Connecticut Easton Team. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Vivian Hardison, the representative from the Conservation Commission, to the Sustainable Connecticut Easton Team. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Lise Fleurette, the representative from the Easton Energy & Environment Task Force, to the Sustainable Connecticut Easton Team. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve a 2.3% general pay raise for all non-union town employees. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. David Bindelglass updated the board on actions taken by the Town regarding the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Town Hall will be closed to the public beginning Friday, March 20, 2020. Most employees will be working remotely. Telephone and email access will remain in place. A box will be available in the Police Department lobby of the building to drop off essential documents, tax payments and recordings. The box will be monitored and documents retrieved and filed on a regular basis. (You may also mail in your payments or documents.)

Town parks are open but the Play-scape is closed as are town playing fields (which are currently closed for the winter season). The dog park is open. The Easton Library is closed as of March 20, 2020. The tennis courts will remain open on a first come first serve basis.

Town meetings regarding the budget and the Annual Town Meeting are postponed for 30 days per order of the Governor. The State Primary is postponed until June 2, 2020. Boards and commissions are continuing to meet, as needed, using virtual tools such as Skype and Zoom. The Superintendent of ER9 and the school administrators continue to work toward implementing a distance learning program for our K-12 schools.

6. A resident commented offered thanks and support to the board and all Town Officials for the hard work being done to keep Easton safe.
7. The First Selectman thanked all those making herculean efforts to keep the town operational and also thanked the continued services provided by our first responders this sentiment was also supported by the other selectmen. Robert Lessler commented that even where the budget process to stall, the town could technically run on the current fiscal years' budget past July 1, 2020. Kristi Sogofsky commented on the updates from Dave, saying "there is no shortage of information which is great!"
8. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Christine Halloran, Town Clerk, Easton, CT