

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
April 2, 2020  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, March 19, 2020 with the following corrections. Agenda item 6, remove the word "commented". Agenda item 7, second sentence the word "where" should be changed to "were". Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. No public comment.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. NISSAN INFINITI LT - \$40.10. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Peter Lannigan as a member of the Board of Ethics for the term of 1/2/2020 – 1/2/2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Dave Bindelglass abstained. Motion passed.  
Robert Lessler moved to appoint David Smith as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners for the unexpired term of 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2020. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Dave Bindelglass updated the board on Coronavirus (COVID-19). The staff had their first Zoom meeting and will send updates on their department activities. Park & Rec Department with the Library will be looking into new programs. The Town Hall-staff has also been encouraged to take online classes including some required by CIRMA. The Board of Finance posted the Easton Budget Presentation on the town website and will also other avenues. Also discussed was the recent Executive Order 7S ~ Property Tax Deferral, Krista Kot will be looking into this to advise on the April 25, 2020 deadline. The Westport Weston Health District is obviously inundated with the pandemic however both Health Director Chris Michos and Sanitarian Polly Edwards are committed to staying on board until a town vote can be taken. Everything is also on hold with regards to Sacred Heart University and the plans for Morehouse Park. The committee exploring South Park Property has been brainstorming. Their agendas and meeting minutes can be found under the Board of Selectmen page 2020.
6. No public comment.
7. Dave Bindelglass reported that at this point Easton has five local cases of COVID-19. Farms and farm stands are deemed essential businesses to remain open. (See attached.) They are taking the appropriate precautions to keep the residents and themselves safe. Silverman's Farm is set to open this Saturday and Captain Doyle has assured that traffic will be checked regularly.
8. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Christine Halloran, Town Clerk, Easton, CT

## **Memo**

**To:** David Bindelglass, Easton First Selectman  
**From:** Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Chair Agricultural Commission *Janet*  
**Date:** March 25, 2020  
**RE:** Messaging -- Covid-19 Updates on Farms + Farm Stands in Easton

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Through Governor Lamont's Executive Order Stay Safe Stay Home farms and farm stands are deemed essential businesses to remain open at this juncture. Our Easton farmers, farm stands and their retail partners in Easton are eager to fulfill an important role in providing our community with a steady supply of safe and nutritious foods and services during this time. To do so, extra precautions are being taken by each business to keep our community safe. We ask that each citizen honor their social contract by maintaining a minimum of a 6' social distancing.

Each farm and store are operating independently to best suit their business model. Please look to their websites or call to find out what process they have put in place. We encourage patience and understanding at this time. The process that was in place a week ago may have changed thus please check before each purchase or visit. Examples of how some farms and stores are operating include: farms are closed to visitors with online, email or call in ordering with curbside pick-up only. Farm markets are open with strict social distancing and common-sense practices in place to limited number of people at a time allowed in to maintain 6' social distancing protocol. Know before you go!

For up to date information on community farm openings in Easton, please visit the Agricultural Commission portal on the Town website [www.eastonct.gov/agricultural-commission](http://www.eastonct.gov/agricultural-commission). We thank Aspetuck Valley Apple Barn, Gilbertie's, Shaggy Coos Farm, Sherwood Farm, Silverman's Farm, Speckled Rooster, Sport Hill Farm, Snows Farm and Maple Row for their service and partnership.

If you are a farm, farm stand or retail partner and do not see your listing, please contact the Agricultural Commission directly at [eastonag@gmail.com](mailto:eastonag@gmail.com) and provide your contact information as a resource to the public.

C: Janet Haller