

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
June 4, 2020
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, May 21, 2020 with the following corrections; agenda item 9. Should read "retroactive to July 1, 2019" and in agenda item 11. Should read" Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed two votes to one. Robert Lessler abstained.
2. No public comment.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Wendy Bowditch to the Senior Center Advisory Board for the unexpired term of 1/2/2020 – 1/2/2023. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to approve the Driveway Variance for 40 Adirondack Trail for driveway apron pavers as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to set July 1, 2020 - January 1, 2021 for the 2019 grand list bills after a vote at the June 2, 2020 Board of Finance meeting to lay a tax of 31.00 mills on the dollar. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. After several discussions with the Director of Park and Rec and a few members of the Park and Rec Commission and the chair of the Board of Finance, Dave Bindelglass still feels it wise to continue to investigate perhaps a 9-10 month work year or only seasonal help for the maintenance positions within that department. He would still like to consider a revised Ordinance and will continue to look into it. Kristi Sogofsky also looked into the work that the Park and Rec Review Committee did and their findings, many of which have not been put into place by the P&R Commission. Many area towns keep the maintenance of the parks and equipment as part of the Park and Rec Department and don't share between departments. This discussion will continue.
7. Polly Edwards met with Mark Cooper, Director of the Westport Weston Health District. Negotiations will be conducted later this month and will be effective July 1, 2020.
8. After a discussion no action was taken on the modified Easton Land Ordinance.
9. Dave Bindelglass informed the board that Ira Bloom is reviewing the letter of intent to sell the South Park Property. The appraisal is in process. The deadline for the application is July 1, 2020 with supporting documents due August 1, 2020.
10. Dave Bindelglass updated the board on Coronavirus (COVID-19). We now have employees in Town Hall in all offices from 8:30 to 4:30. Managing the work has been going well but we are not yet ready to open to the

public. June 20, 2020 is a big day for youth sports and camps as more and more public places are beginning to open.

11. A resident disagreed with Robert Lessler regarding the modified Land Ordinance proposal, saying it was not just about South Park but also other properties the town owns. Another resident commented on the Democratic pledge for inclusion and doesn't feel they are now creating that kind of atmosphere. A resident commented that the Land Ordinance keeps coming up so let the town vote. Another resident said he was disappointed in Robert Lessler's comments and that the proposed Ordinance is much different adding that the public hearing on the POCD was largely ignored. Finally a resident mentioned that he was concerned with joining the Westport Weston Health District as he has firsthand knowledge of how Westport runs its Health Department. A final comment was made asking if Easton is going to follow State Health Codes.
12. Dave Bindelglass updated the board on the bridge which should be open in a few weeks. Robert Lessler said the contest to design and create a logo for the 175 Anniversary is underway and more info can be found on the town website and also at www.Easton175.com. Robert Lessler also commented on the appreciation parade that was a tribute to the late Marvin Gelfand. Dave Bindelglass also praised Chief Doyle and former Chief Shaw for supporting our police force in the wake of George Floyd's murder. Kristi Sogofsky commented that she echoes those feelings and is proud of our police force.
13. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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