

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
September 3, 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 7:31 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, August 20, 2020 with the following changes; in agenda item 1. add a comma after 2020. Agenda item 3A. after Trail "on" should be "in" and the amount of the bond in item 3A should be \$6,000 in both locations in the item. Agenda item 8. "nomination" should be "nominations" and agenda item 13. Add "he" "...Bindelglass said he". Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Several residents praised the Board of Selectmen not only for their passing of the Easton Resolution on Racism and Public Health but also for the creation of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. CAB EAST LLC - \$777.92; 2. RICHARD JOHNSON - \$339.62; JAN ARONSON - \$180.11. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. No action taken.
5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Shari Williams as a member of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the term ending 1-2-2023. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Vivian Hardison as a member of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the term ending 1-2-2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Lise Fleurette as a member of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the term ending 1-2-2022. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Whendi Cook Broderick as a member of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the term ending 1-2-2023. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board is grateful for people stepping up. There is now one full member and two alternate member positions available. Please contact the First Selectman's office to be considered.

David Bindelglass moved to add agenda item 6A. Discuss and resolve that David Bindelglass, First Selectman of the Town of Easton is authorized to apply for and administer the Neglected Cemetery Grant Program. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6A. Robert Lessler moved to authorize a resolution that David Bindelglass, First Selectman of the Town of Easton can apply for and accept, on behalf of the town, a grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account and is authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to

obtain said grant should the town be selected for a grant award. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. David Bindelglass discussed Aquarion's 2020 Diversion Permit application to Connecticut DEEP seeking to increase the amount of water it transfers from reservoirs in Easton to several south west town and cities, including Greenwich, Darien and Stamford. Robert Lessler asked if legal counsel should be consulted. David Bindelglass will look further into the application process and the impact on Easton. No action taken.
7. Robert Lessler spoke of the various events upcoming for Easton's 175 Celebration. September 12th the town party and fireworks are planned. Mark Cooper of the Westport Weston Health District is in communication with the town party organizers to make sure that proper COVID-19 protocol is followed. There is also a need for interviewers for the Oral History Project. Contact Robert Lessler or Lynn Zaffino, Library Director, if you would like to participate. More information on other events can be found at www.easton175.com.
8. David Bindelglass updated the board on Coronavirus (COVID-19). Connecticut overall is doing well. The Senior Center is planning some outdoor activities. The Easton Community Center has started a program for school age children for distant learning days when parents either need to be at work or work from home. They will provide supervision and computer assistance. A company has been hired to evaluate the ventilation systems at SSES and HKMS. Park and Rec has begun more sports and is starting their after-school program.
9. A resident spoke of the enormous amount of work our teachers are being asked to do and that it too is a lot of work for the kids. She also mentioned a shortage of teachers in Connecticut. David Bindelglass commented that Trumbull has been hit hard with teacher shortages. The safety of Easton's school age children is at the top of concerns for returning to school. The plan for the start of school is being watched very closely and will adjust if necessary.
10. No board member comment.
11. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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