

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting October 1, 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. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, September 17, 2020, with the following corrections; in the call to order "excused" should replace "absent", comma after 2020, in agenda item 1; "move" should be "moved" in agenda item 3; "he" should be "the" in the first line of agenda item 6; third line down, "blues" should be "the blue" in agenda item 7; also in agenda item 7, sixth line should be "the P&Z" and at the end of the sixteenth line, "have" should be "has". In the twentieth line, add "pathway" before "project". David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed.
2. No public comment.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. CAB EAST LLC - \$267.84; 2. CAB EAST LLC - \$336.29; 3. CAB EAST LLC - \$405.94; 4. CAB EAST LLC - \$368.90; 5. CAB EAST LLC - \$440.57; 6. CAB EAST LLC - \$292.05; 7. JOHN P. CAVALLARO - \$505.04; 8. LEE GOBBI - \$191.30; 9. NICHOLAS KOT - \$275.70; 10. GIANMARCO MARCHETTI - \$342.86. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to approve the road opening bond release for permit #1086, 322 Sport Hill Road to PETE PALMER EXCAVATING LLC in the amount of \$750.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the road opening bond release for permit #1089, 233 Judd Road to IRV AND SAMANTHA SNOW in the amount of \$500.00 as recommended by Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to approve the driveway bond release for permit #1666, 15 Ferndale Drive to JOSEPH STONOHIA in the amount of \$3,000.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. The Board of Selectmen thanked Vincent Caprio for his service as Easton Republican Registrar of Voters upon his resignation. No action taken.
8. No action taken.
9. After a discussion, the board agreed to postpone the appointment of an alternate on the Board of Finance. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Elaine Okeefe as an alternate on the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term expiring on 1.2.2023. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Adam Parker as a member of the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term expiring on 1.2.2023. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint June Logie as an alternate to the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for a term expiring on 1.2.2022. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The First Selectman will notice the first meeting and will appoint an acting chair.

10. Ongoing review of the parking space allocation at 660 Morehouse Road and how it affects the tenants. No action taken.
11. The board discussed the recent rash of trash dumping in the Park and Rec trash receptacles at various Easton parks and fields. Anyone witnessing the dumping of household trash in our parks should call the non-emergency police number to report a license plate. No action taken.
12. David Bindelglass updated the board on the re-opening of schools on October 5, 2020. There will be full in-person learning or continued hybrid, however, which ever module a specific family chooses, they must remain in that module until November 25, 2020. Currently the state is hovering at around 1.8% infection rate. This will be monitored very closely going forward. Our new Sanitarian is working very hard and is very nice to work with and reports from residents are that he is very easy to work with. David urged all to adhere to the safety precautions we have all been practicing for months.
13. A resident commented that the traffic sign on Sport Hill for farm traffic be changed from stating traffic heavy due to Silverman's Farm to just Easton Farms as there are many up Sport Hill. Another resident asked about the status of Sacred Heart's intentions on Morehouse Fields and also stated that the out of town teams that rent our fields have not been practicing social distancing. The first resident who spoke also thanked the board for the appointment to the task force.
14. Robert Lessler strongly asks that people not disturb political signs or deface public property, which includes streets, as this has happened recently. He also congratulated Bev Dacey and her family for being selected for the Made in America Showcase and will be going to The White House. Kristi Sogofsky thanked all those who stepped up to volunteer to be part of the newly formed task force. David Bindelglass echoed Robert Lessler's thoughts regarding the vandalism of political signs and public property. David Bindelglass also said the town had the opportunity to make an application for a CT DOT Connectivity grant to alter the intersection of Center Road and Rt 136 to make it easier for pedestrian traffic to and from the church parking lot. The grant would cover all costs with the exception of the design. The UI will return to Easton to begin removing dangerous trees this coming week. Robert Lessler also said that the 175th Anniversary Committee has a deal with Athletic Shoe Factory for online t-shirt sales which should be opening soon.
15. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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