

Meeting Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting November 5, 2020
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, October 15, 2020. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Several members of the public spoke about the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT) meeting.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SERVICES - \$154.01; 2. CAB EAST LLC - \$172.27; 3. USB LEASING LT - \$140.24. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Masha Watson as a member of the Tax Relief for the Elderly for a term expiring on 8.15.2023. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Lessler moved to appoint Jackie Kaufman as an alternate to the Board of Finance for a term expiring on 1.2.2023. David Bindelglass seconded. A brief discussion ensued. Robert Lessler and David Bindelglass voted in favor, Kristi Sogofsky was opposed. Motion carries.
5. The board discussed installing a sign on the Library exterior. After a brief discussion, Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve a sign outside the library. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to extend the South Park Advisory Committee's charge to June 30, 2021 and to thank them for their service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Kristi Sogofsky noted her disappointment with the outcome of the first meeting and calls by several people to disband the task force. Recognizing the call to disband did not have full support from the board, Selectman Sogofsky proposed adding an additional member to the task force to require bipartisan cooperation. There would be six positions, with a stipulation that no more than three members can be from one political party. David Bindelglass moved to expand the EDIT committee to six members with no more than three members from the same political party. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. The Easton Senior Center, part-time custodian job description was presented. Robert Lessler moved to approve the job description as amended. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. COVID-19 numbers continue to rise. Easton is currently in the orange zone. Several classes have had to quarantine. The state is scaling back to reopening 2.1 Phase.

10. A resident is concerned that Easton is losing local control and believes regionalization is detrimental to the town. Several residents voiced concern about the mission statement of the EDIT committee. Several other residents spoke in reference to the combining of Park and Recreation and DPW.
11. Robert Lessler said the Easton Arts Council is holding a virtual art show for the 175th anniversary. On November 16, 175th logo t-shirts will be available for sale. Kristi Sogofsky said Election Day had tremendous community involvement and that she commends the residents for the creative and unique way they safely celebrated Halloween. David Bindelglass thanked the efforts of the Town Clerk and ROV as well as the people of Easton for a safe and efficient election day. He also spoke about EDIT and hopes the committee will work diligently and stay observant too the very difficult issues in the country and town.
12. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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