

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting November 19, 2020
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A

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CHRISTINE HALLORAN
TOWN CLERK
EASTON CT

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler and Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, November 5, 2020, with the following amendments; item #4, add "Committee" after Elderly; item #7, in first sentence add "of EDIT" after "meeting"; in line #3, "The" should be "That". Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A resident asked if there was a town welcoming committee since there are a lot of new people in town and asked when the Zoom recording of meetings would be online and if they can be broadcasted on the Gov. Channel 79. She also pointed out that a change in the Agricultural Commission membership would require an ordinance change and asked that the practice of postcards to advertise Town Meetings be reinstated. A second resident praised the board for the formation of EDIT (Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force) and the people who volunteered to serve on the task force. She also thinks that the Park and Rec Department maintenance workers do a great job with the fields and should not be moved to Public Works.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. PORSCHE LEASING LTD. - \$1,025.45; 2. JASON WILHELM - \$290.12. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Jean Steltz-Puchalski spoke of attendance issues and the desire to expand the number of members on the Agricultural Commission to seven full members hoping that there would be a greater chance to reach a quorum. This would require a change in the ordinance and therefore must go to a Town Meeting. Robert Lessler suggested perhaps swapping an alternate that consistently attends meeting with a member who is less consistent which might address the problem. Jean will speak to the commission and get back to the board. No action taken.
5. Jean Steltz-Puchalski discussed possible action on the Agricultural Commissions Farming on Town Land Project. She asked the board for a suggestion or the process by which the current lease holder of the town farm project on the Morehouse Road property could transfer or re-assign the current lease which runs through April 15, 2024. Item #10 in the lease, references Assignment and Subletting, which requires advanced written permission of the Town. The board would like letters from both the

- current farmer and the farmer interested in taking over the lease. Jean will speak with both parties. No action taken.
6. Dave Bindelglass presented a letter from Rob Maquat, chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending that the Town hire an independent consultant to advise the Town on Aquarion Water Companies plan to divert water from Easton to lower Fairfield County. This would be a limited time service that would prepare the board to meet with the Connecticut Water Planning Council regarding the Aquarion proposal. No action taken.
 7. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of Ray Longo from the Cemetery Committee effective 12.31.2020 with thanks for his service. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of Vivian Hardison from the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force with thanks. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of June Logie from the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force with thanks. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 8. The board discussed an ordinance requirement conflict with a member of the Board of Ethics recently appointed to the Board of Finance as well as locating one of the other members. No action taken.
Robert Lessler moved to add agenda item 8A. Discussion and possible action regarding P&S Paving, Inc. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8 A. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works briefed the board on violations committed by P&S Paving, Inc. They have paved driveways without permits and without providing proof of insurance and not to the specifications of the requirements of the Town. Dave Bindelglass and Ed Nagy will meet to draft a letter to P&S Paving, Inc. as well as the affected property owners.
9. David Bindelglass updated the board on COVID-19 in Easton. Like most of Connecticut, we are now in the red zone. Easton needs to be even more diligent with the holidays and college kids returning from school. Please be cautious at Thanksgiving.
 10. A resident expressed her thanks to the board for creating the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and to those who stepped up to serve.
 11. All board members expressed their wishes for a safe Thanksgiving! Kristi Sogofsky said the PTO is sponsoring "Light Up Easton" Event. A mailer will be going out soon. Robert Lessler said the 175th Anniversary t-shirts should be available this coming week for purchase. Dave Bindelglass reiterated the need to be smart and safe for the holidays.
 12. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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