

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting May 6, 2021
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, April 22, 2021, as ammended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Twenty-one residents made comments.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. PAUL and ALTHEA FALCO - \$289.20; 2. DAVID and KARIN NIESYN - \$170.78; 3. MAPLEWOOD FARM - \$1,648.49; 4. NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK - \$5,186.92; 5. NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK - \$5,102.91. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to award inspection services for the replacement of the South Park Avenue Bridge, No.04213 to WMC Consulting Engineers as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works, Assistant Town Engineer. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The Board discussed the five resumes received for the designated representative position on the Westport Weston Health District Board of Directors. They are to rank the applicants and discuss at the next meeting.
6. After a discussion with some notable points; South Park Advisory Committee had voted 4-3 of not recommending farming hemp. Chief Doyle recommened video surveillance, lighting and a secure fencing if hemp will be grown. There have been three incidents at the Sport Hill Farm location where they are growing hemp. This is not the smokable form of hemp proposed by Jeff Becker. No action was taken on the South Park Ave Farming Lease for the 2021 season. A decision will be made in two weeks.
7. The Board reviewed the favorable 8-24 referral response from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the use of Town property for a batting and pitching cage located at the Field of Dreams, Morehouse baseball field, on the Morehouse Road. No action needed.
8. Discussion and possible action on opening protocols for town buildings and facilities; board, commission and committee meetings post May 19, 2021. Tabled to next meeting.
9. The Board discussed revising the Code of the Town of Easton, Chapter 52, Ethics. David Bindelglass asked Robert Lessler to work with the Board of Ethics possibly form a committee to craft a draft

ordinance which would go to a public hearing and a Special Town meeting. Robert Lessler provided a compilation of other area town's Code of Ethics for review. No action taken.

10. David Bindelglass reported that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) numbers in town are good. He is hesitant to open town hall and will wait for the Governor's guidelines. Most services are still by appointment with the exception of tax payments which can be made in person without an appointment. David Bindelglass also announced that there will be a Memorial Parade, details will be posted on our website.
11. Twenty one residents made comments. David Bindelglass acknowledged several residents emailed comments, but that they would not be read into public comments.
12. David Bindelglass said he met with American Legion and there will be a Memorial Day Parade this year, with masks and socially distancing in place. Kristi Sogofsky spoke of Diversity Day and how it really should be more than a one long event. She also thanks Bev Dacey for volunteering to put together a 9/11 ~ 20th Anniversary Memorial Service. Kristi Sogofsky also discussed EDIT. Perhaps the charge needs revision, perhaps it should include all forms of discrimination. All voices should be heard and it cannot be discounted that over 1200 people voted against the Resolution. There may be various reason for voting no, regardless, those voices need to be heard as well. David Bindelglass stated that he would like to discuss having EDIT redesigned by the Board of Selectmen or to have the task force create a new charge. More discussion on this to come. David Bindelglass said he wants to sit down and discuss the EDIT group as well. He also said that he was impressed to see such turn out for the referendum which is an extension of the town government, the Town Meeting. He stated he was proud of our residents in the negotiation of several sensitive topics and went on to say that he is proud to be an Easton resident and First Selectman.
13. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 10:13 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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