

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting June 3, 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 7:30 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, May 20, 2021, as amended. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Jeff B. spoke of a tree down on Bibbins Road, east of Orchard Lane; June L. spoke of the hemp project, pathway project and Land Use Ordinance; Lou D. also spoke of the multi-use pathway; Grant M. spoke of the Code of Ethics revision, the farming project and P&Z public hearings.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refund as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH - \$18,646.40. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to release Driveway Bond, PERMIT #1645, 67 North Park Avenue, to DEAMO Home Improvement LLC in the amount of \$3,000.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to award Gengras Ford, LLC the bid for (1) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility and (1) Ford AWD Explorer XLT in the amount of \$69,012.00 as recommended by Richard Doyle, Chief of Easton Police Department. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to award Hibbard & Rosa Architects, LLC the bid for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Partial Roof Replacement at 660 Morehouse Road in the amount of \$18,300.00 as recommend by Edward Nagy P.E., Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. After a discussion regarding the South Park Avenue farming project, the board decided to wait for the recommendation from the Agriculture Commission who will review the proposal and report back to the Board of Selectmen. Item tabled to the next BOS meeting.
8. Dave Bindelglass moved to accept the resignation of AJ Martinich from the Park and Rec Commission with thanks for his service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Two candidates from the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (who are currently alternates) were presented to be moved to the full member position. Hilary Desmond graciously suggested Elaine O'Keefe be moved to the full member position. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Elaine O'Keefe as a full member to EDIT for the unexpired term of 8/20/2020 – 1/2/2022. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. The Board of Finance voted to fund the preliminary design phase for the Sport Hill Road Multi-Use Pathway. The monies approved (\$80,000) would cover the initial design phase. Of these funds,

\$16,000 would be forfeited if the Town decided not to continue with the project. The second phase would be an additional \$80,000 and if the Town does not approve the project, the full \$160,000 would be forfeited. All of the expenditures for this project would be presented at Special Town Meetings and referendums to follow. The first Special Town Meeting is tentatively set for September 13, 2021, with a referendum on September 21, 2021.

10. The selectmen will review and send their comments regarding the changes to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and the Easton Zoning Regulations to Janet Haller. A compilation of comments will be prepared to discuss at the next BOS meeting. Planning and Zoning is requesting review and comments be available prior to the Public Hearing July 26, 2021.

Robert Lessler moved to add agenda item 10A. Discussion and possible action on flying the LGBTQ+ flag from Friday, June 25, 2021, through June 28, 2021. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 10A. Robert Lessler moved to fly the Pride Flag from Friday, June 25, 2021 through Monday, June 28, 2021. David Bindelglass seconded. After a discussion on possible alternate places to display the flag, the motion was withdrawn and the second was withdrawn. No action taken.

11. There are no concerning COVID-19 updates. State continues to vaccinate.

12. Approximately 30 residents commented on various topics.

13. Robert Lessler commented that it may have seemed like the Land Use Ordinance revision effort has stalled but that it was most likely Bill Kupinse's illness and death which has delayed the process as Bill was such an integral part of the revision process. He also said he has contacted the Board of Ethics and has heard back from two members. He was encouraged by a letter of offering to help from a resident with an extensive "ethics" based background. Kristi Sogofsky reminded the board that they had passed a Flag Policy late last summer and felt it was not discriminatory not to allow another flag to fly with the American flag as it is the only one we can all stand under, united. She suggested a second flag pole for special interest groups. David Bindelglass said he was not against the idea of farming the South Park Property but wishes to have the Agriculture Commission weigh in. Also, he will review the rules of flying flags at Town Hall and on town owned property.

14. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Easton Police Department



Richard J. Doyle
Chief of Police

June 2, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Easton


RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF BID

Dear Selectmen:

A sealed bid was publicly advertised and then opened by the First Selectman's Office on May 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. for the items listed below.

One (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility and
One (1) 2021 Ford AWD Explorer XLT

I recommend that the award be made to Gengras Ford LLC for both vehicles for \$69,012.00.


Chief Richard Doyle

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

June 2, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Easton

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF QUALIFICATION
DESIGN SERVICES FOR PARTIAL ROOF
REPLACEMENT AT 660 MOREHOUSE RD

Dear Selectmen:

A bid was publicly advertised and then opened by the First Selectman's Office on May 25, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. for the item listed above.

It is recommended that it be awarded to the low bidder subject to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

Hibbard & Rosa Architects, LLC. \$18,300.00

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward L. Nagy".

Edward L. Nagy, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Town Engineer

ELN/jl

Bids/AwardQualification/660Repacement/DesignServices

TOWN OF EASTON

FLAG POLICY

Only the United States, State of Connecticut and Town of Easton flags shall be flown outside of Easton Town Hall.

PROCEDURES

1. Raising and lowering of the American flag will be done in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code, which includes the following:
 - a. The flag shall be displayed from sunrise to sunset unless illuminated at night.
 - b. The flag should not be displayed during inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag.
 - c. When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.
2. No flag shall take the place of the American flag outside of Easton Town Hall.
3. Any special interest group or organization seeking to have its flag flown outside of Easton Town Hall shall submit a written request to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Requests must be submitted with enough notice to allow for discussion at a Board of Selectmen meeting. Requests must include the group's name and description, reason for the request and inclusive dates for requested display.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUGUST 20, 2020