

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting June 17, 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. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, June 3, 2021, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Sixteen members of the public spoke on various topics; hemp farming, flag policy, social media sites, Board of Ethics.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the Road Opening Bond Release, PERMIT #1090, 50 Abbey Road, to Steven Raymond in the amount of \$750.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to award the bid to purchase a Hydraulic Excavator, from H.O. Penn using the State of Connecticut Purchasing Department of Administrative Services, as recommended by Edward Nagy, P.E., Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to add agenda item 4A. Discussion and possible action on award of bid for the purchase of a grapple attachment for bobcat skid steer loader from Bobcat if Stratford. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4A. Robert Lessler moved to approve the bid to purchase a grapple attachment for a bobcat skid steer loader from Bobcat if Stratford in the amount of \$11,350.00. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Lessler moved to approve the Driveway Variance and Indemnity Agreement for 35 Riverside Lane for the installation of Belgium block. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of Chris Neubert from the Pension and Benefits Commission with thanks for his service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Chase Cameron as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission for the unexpired term of 1/2/2019 – 1/2/2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Jamie Weinstein as a member of the Cemetery Committee for the unexpired term of 1/2/2018 – 11/30/2024. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Postponed to next meeting. Presentation by Citizens for Easton on request for disposition of the remainder of South Park Property.

8. Denise Hebner of the Agriculture Commission spoke about the South Park farming project with input from Easton Grows. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the lease with amendments, Dave Bindelglass seconded. It was decided that the proposal and lease be re-worked and re-written and resubmitted to the Agriculture Commission and then presented to the Board of Selectmen. Kristi Sogofsky withdrew her motion.
9. Kristi Sogofsky discussed reviewing neighboring town's websites and the possibility of only including press releases, official communication in a more formal way. Although beneficial to the Town during storms and the pandemic, it may now be time to have some more formal guidelines. The policy regarding usage of Town Website and email platform should be reviewed.
10. Read only first draft Social Media Policy as prepared by Christine Halloran, Town Clerk.
11. Twelve members of the public spoke about hemp farming, the PRIDE flag raising, the Juneteenth Celebration, the level of volume of the meetings broadcast on Channel 79 and the sidewalk project.
12. David Bindelglass moved to raise and fly the PRIDE Flag from Friday, June 25th to Monday, June 28th amended to the morning of June 29th. Robert Lessler amended the motion to the evening of June 28th and seconded. David Bindelglass and Robert Lessler voted yes, Kristi Sogofsky abstained. Motion passed.
13. Robert Lessler spoke of the representation of the flag, Kristi Sogofsky said she will be out of town next weekend and will not be able to attend the PRIDE events but did not want that to be perceived as not supporting the event. Dave Bindelglass said the people of Easton are good hearted people and thanked everyone for their comments during public comments.
14. Robert Lessler Moved to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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