

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting July 1, 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 17, 2021 as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Five members of the public commented on GoNetSpeed, affordable housing, Easton Grows and tree removal.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. ALLY BANK, AGENT FOR VAULT TRUST - \$357.49; 2. ACAR LEASING LTD. - \$624.65. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved to award the bid for LOG/STUMP/BRUSH REMOVAL to The Good Earth Tree Care, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000 as recommended by Edward Nagy, P.E., Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Verne Gay of Citizens for Easton spoke on their request to name the remainder of South Park Property the "William J. Kupinse Jr. Memorial Park" and to retain that property as open space into perpetuity to honor Bill Kupinse and help educate future generations of the beauty of nature and the value of conservation and preservation. After discussing, the Board of Selectmen suggested CFE approach Aspetuck Land Trust and request that the acreage in the process of being deeded to them, be named after Bill. No action taken.
6. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the resignation of John Harris, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals (for 28 years) with thanks for his service. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. David Bindelglass moved to make an 8-24 referral to Planning and Zoning to approve a one acre Commerical farming lease to Easton Grows on the South Park Ave property from present until November 15, 2021. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Kristi Sogofsky moved to make an 8-24 referral to Planning and Zoning in regards to the PTO's request to install an overhead shade at the outdoor classroom at HKMS. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8a. David Bindelglass moved to add agenda item 8a. Discussion and possible action for an 8-24 referral to P&Z for fencing and/or shrubbery at HKMS. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Robert Lessler moved to make an 8-24 referral to Planning & Zoning for purpose of providing screening at HKMS to hide mechanical equipment. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Robert Lessler made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to submit application for affordable housing plan – planning grant affirming David Bindelglass, First Selectman of the Town of Easton is authorized to apply and administer the grant. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A tentative date has been set for a town meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021. Possible topics, but not limited to, include: 1. Funding for the Pathway. 2. Ethics Ordinance revision. 3. Land Use Ordinance. 4. Discontinuance of Old Burr Highway. 5. Tax exempt Handicap Vehicle Ordinance. 6. Demolition Delay Ordinance.
12. Six members of the public spoke about snow and ice removal on public sidewalks, composting trees, various ordinances, hemp farming and recent car jackings.
13. Robert Lessler wished everyone a Happy 4th of July, Kristi Sogofsky urged everyone to enjoy the holiday weekend.
14. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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