

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 6, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room A

Present: Adam Dunsby; Scott S. Centrella; Robert H. Lessler

The First Selectman convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

1. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of October 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Two residents urged the Board when considering options for the South Park Avenue property, to stay in keeping with the Town's zoning regulations and agricultural heritage.
3. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Vincent Caprio from the Advisory Board of the Easton Senior Center with thanks for his service. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to appoint Mary Ann C. Freeman to the Advisory Board of the Easton Senior Center for a three year term from January 2, 2014 through January 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Fire Chief Steve Waugh discussed a project requested by the Fire Department to get off of the copper lines used for radio transmission between the police department and fire department and to switch to the fiber line that has been installed by the State. Fading service and equipment failure has prompted the department to request funding for this project to insure signal integrity and reliable service. The Board of Selectmen is in full support of this project and advised the department to go out to bid and once a vendor is recommended and a price is agreed upon, a request by the department to the Board of Finance can be made for a special appropriation, for which LoCIP funds may be used.
6. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Christine Calvert, Tax Collector: 1. Shari Jones - \$486.44; 2. Gary Shepard - \$39.23; 3. Christine Sullivan - \$16.18; 4. USB Leasing Lt. - \$208.86; and 5. Michael Walker - \$106.06. A tax refund submitted for approval for Christine Walker in an amount of \$39.23 was tabled for clarification by the Tax Collector. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve the following dates for regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings for 2015 to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room A: January 15, 2015; February 5, 2015 and February 19, 2015; March 5, 2015 and March 19, 2015; April 2, 2015 and April 16, 2015; May 7, 2015 and May 21, 2015; June 4, 2015 and June 18, 2015; July 2, 2015 and July 16, 2015; August 6, 2015 and August 20, 2015; September 3, 2015 and September 17, 2015; October 1, 2015 and October 15, 2015; November 5, 2015 and November 19, 2015; and December 3, 2015 and December 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
8. In June of 2014, the Town of Easton went out to bid for the contract for collection of recyclables. The RFP for that contract included a requirement that bidders supply the carts to the Town.

Upon review of the bids, the Town awarded the contract to the low bidder, Residential Waste Systems, in accordance with Easton's purchasing ordinance. Subsequently, the Town and Residential Waste Systems resolved that supply of the carts would be unbundled from Residential Waste Systems' bid and the Town would contract direct with TCF Equipment Finance for that element. The present arrangement with TCF Equipment Finance is, therefore, part of an arrangement that was, competitively bid. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion approve a Resolution Lease-Purchase No. 001-0665880-300 dated as of October 23, 2014 with TCF Equipment Finance and the Town of Easton and authorize First Selectman Dunsby to sign and act on behalf of the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

9. In October 2014, the Town legally noticed a RFP for a wireless telecommunication facility on Town owned property on Morehouse Road. Three proposals were received. After a thorough review and discussion by Board members, Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to authorize First Selectman Dunsby to enter into negotiations with Homeland Towers, LLC for the construction of a wireless telecommunication facility on the Morehouse Road property as submitted and outlined in Homeland Tower's proposal dated October 20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to make an 8-24 referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the use of Town owned property behind Samuel Staples Elementary School to construct solar panels on plots A and B as shown on a map provided by the Clean Energy Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Robert Lessler moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to approve a recommendation by the Clean Energy Task Force to use Bella Energy as the installer of solar panels at Samuel Staples Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Dunsby moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to add to the agenda 11a. Discussion and possible action on submitting a bid for renewable energy certificates. Motion carried unanimously and the item was added.

11a. Scott Centrella moved, Robert Lessler seconded a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute any documents and act on behalf of the Town in the renewable energy certificate auction on November 17, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

12. The Board discussed and took comments and questions from residents in attendance regarding the South Park Avenue property. Comments ranged from forming a committee to look into all options for the property, developing a broad reaching RFP for use of the property, to speaking with parties who have already voiced interest in the property. Concerns on each option were also made by residents. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table any action until their meeting of November 20, 2014.
13. The Town of Easton contracted with General Code to update and publish all Town ordinances. The project was completed and the Town has reference copies of all ordinances for public review as well as having the code book on line. Adam Dunsby moved, Scott Centrella seconded a motion to make copies of the code available to residents or businesses through General Code

at a price initially set by and adjusted, when needed, by General Code. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adam Dunsby advised the Board of employee evaluations to be done by year's end of non-union employees.

15. Scott Centrella moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Lessler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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