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Meeting Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting December 16, 2021
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A
and
ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order 7:30 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler and Kristi Sogofsky

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, December 2, 2021, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Eight residents spoke about South Park Avenue, the BOF chairman and alternates and the BOE boiler.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$663.44. 2. VW CREDIT LEASING LTD-\$358.15. 3. ACAR LEASING LTD-\$296.82. 4. ALLY BANK, AGENT FOR VAULT TRUST-\$92.26. 5. NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC-\$444.23. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved approve to have a nautical flag pole installed in front of Town Hall. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the Ambulance bid in the amount of \$185,809.00 plus additional costs for a 2022 cab from New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus Corp provided by PL Custom. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to accept Phil Tamallanca's resignation from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective 12/7/21 with thanks for his outstanding service to the town. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Discussion ensued about the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT) organization. Modifications included adding one full member to the task force to create a six-member body, to not have more than three members from the same political party and the ability to have the task force appoint a chair, co-chairs and secretary from among the members and staggered terms for the members and for two alternate members. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the amended charge as presented to EDIT. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. After a brief discussion, Robert Lessler moved to appoint Arthur Laske as chair of the Board of Finance for two years. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Gloria Bindelglass to the EMS Commission for the term 1/2/2021 - 1/2/2026. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. David Bindelglass recused himself. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Thomas Schick to the Board of Assessment Appeals for the term 11/2/2021 - 11/3/2021. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Nicole Massini to the Insurance Commission for the unexpired term of 1/2/2020 - 1/2/2023. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Joan Kirk as an adjunct member of the Cemetery Commission. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass announced that he re-appointed Richard Dina as Tree Warden for the term 11/30/2021 - 11/30/2023 and Michelle Falcone as the town's representative to the Western Connecticut Tourism Council for the term 1/3/2022 - 1/2/2025.
- 9a. Robert Lessler moved to add agenda item 9a. Discussion and possible action on A Resolution with the State of CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to adopt the Emergency Management Resolution. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Four residents spoke about continuing the hybrid meetings and posting them on the website in a timely manner, how board resignations are handled and support for the BOF chair.
11. David Bindelglass spoke about the rising COVID numbers and how fast it is spreading. He urged residents to use caution and common sense. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Robert Lessler spoke about the State Assembly being redistricted and that it will be divided into two districts, the 112th and 135th and will become first evident in the 2022 election and will take effect in January 2023. He also spoke about four defunct commissions and suggested we consider formally disbanding them where possible. He wishes everyone Happy Holidays. Kristi Sogofsky wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
12. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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