

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting April 6, 2023
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room (In-Person)
And
Virtually via Zoom

David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler, Kristi Sogofsky

1. Robert Lessler moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, March 16, 2023 as amended. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. During public comment, several residents complained about the Board of Ethics' decision not being on the agenda. Dori Wollen, Registrar of Voters, told the Board of Selectmen the importance of their sending letters to our legislators to oppose early voting on referenda and the number of days that early voting will occur.
3. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. MICHAEL SCHEDINA-\$4,359.86. 2. NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC-\$410.08. 3. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST-\$131.79. 4. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST-\$147.58. 5. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST-\$361.90. 6. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST-\$567.95. 7. HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST-\$222.57. 8. NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC-\$146.19. 9. DAVID ALLAN-\$127.57. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3a. Kristi Sogofsky moved to add to the agenda a discussion about early voting and the exclusion of referenda. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The selectmen collectively endorse excluding referenda from early voting and also agree with having only 10 days for early voting.
4. Robert Lessler moved to approve the request received via email on March 29, 2023 from the Board of Ethics for a one month extension to act on a complaint received on February 9, 2023. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board of Ethics have until May 12, 2023 to act upon this complaint.
5. Robert Lessler moved to approve the resolution with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Service and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the State Homeland Security Grant any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and that David Bindelglass, as First Selectman of the Easton Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Easton and Easton Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on setting the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting April 24, 2023, at Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT at 7:00 pm.
 - a. Discussion of the proposed Annual Town Budget of \$48,574,643 for fiscal year 2023-2024 as recommended by the Board of Finance.
 - Presentation by Board of Finance
 - Presentation by Board of Education
 - Presentation by Region 9
- Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting, April 24, 2023, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. During public comment, residents continued to share that the Board of Ethics' decision was not on the agenda. A resident requested that CT169 do a presentation for the town. Another resident suggested that "new business" be added to the Annual Town Meeting agenda as an open forum for citizens to share their concerns. Lastly, a resident mentioned that the town financials that were due in December have not been made public. The financials will be needed in order to vote on the budget in May.
8. Kristi Sogofsky formally requested that the Board of Ethics decision regarding Ray Martin be placed on the agenda for the April 20 Board of Selectmen meeting. David Bindelglass said that he will be setting up a CT 169 presentation. He also discussed the bond proposal for Region 9 Board of Education and explained how the bond will be used to upgrade the Joel Barlow fields, locker rooms, bathrooms, concession stand, parking, etc. David stressed to residents that the delay in discussing the Board of Ethics recommendations with regards to Ray Martin is due to procedural concerns and nothing more than that.
9. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3M~4.6.23