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Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting July 20, 2023

7:30 PM

Present: David Bindelglass, Robert Lessler, Kristi Sogofsky

- 1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, July 6, 2023 as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. During public comment, a resident requested clarification on the CO for the riding facility being vacated. Two residents endorsed Dan Lent's appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Another resident shared that he was pleased about the upcoming discussion to hang the POW/MIA flag and would like to see it fly year round. Lastly, another resident shared that perhaps the flag policy should be re-addressed to specifically discuss the length of time a flag is flown.
- 3. Robert Lessler moved to accept the stipulation discontinuing Burrs Highway. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Robert Lessler moved to approve the Fee Schedule (see attached) for copies and scanning of public records in all departments with the exception of the Town Clerk's office who will charge \$20.00 per visit for the hand held scanner. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the award of bid to Gengras Ford for (1) Ford Police Interceptor Utility in the amount of \$35,939.00 and (1) Ford XLT in the amount of \$44,518.00 as recommended by Richard Doyle, Chief of Easton Police Department. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. David Bindelglass moved to approve flying the POW/MIA flag on the following days; Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Florisca Carter as a member to the Board of Ethics for a term ending 12/31/23. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass appointed Kevin Kilner as an alternate to the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands for a term ending 1/2/26. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Jordan Baker-Kilner as a member to the Land Acquisition & Preservation Authority for a term ending 1/2/24. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Ray Ganim from alternate to member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending 1/2/24. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Jason Klein as a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. David Bindelglass and Robert Lessler voted in favor. Kristi Sogofsky opposed. Jason Klein was appointed. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Stacy Varvaro as an alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term ending 1/2/25. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7a. David Bindelglass made a motion to add 7a to the agenda for discussion and possible action on a request by the Board of Ethics to extend the time to consider ethics complaints until 8/25/23. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the request from the Board of Ethics to extend the time to consider ethics complaints until 8/25/23. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. During public comment, a resident shared that the quality of the sound via zoom was poor. A resident commented on the new members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Another resident feels there is a conflict of interest with the lawyer representing the residents on Burrs Highway while serving on the Aspetuck Land Trust board. A resident asked if we are planning a ceremony for 9/11 this year.
- 9. During board member comment, it was stated by both attorneys during agenda #3 that the discontinued road would be controlled half by the Aspetuck Land Trust and half by the homeowners. Access along the land trust side of the road would be maintained. The conflict of interest regarding the lawyer hired by the residents on Burrs Highway is not the town's issue and the lawyer recused himself from any discussion having to do with the Aspetuck Land Trust. The Board of Selectmen will consider suggestions from residents for a 9/11 ceremony. The Zoning Enforcement Officer approved the structure at the riding facility because it had been in that location for over three (3) years. This was appealed to the ZBA and as a result of the ZBA ruling the property owner was told the structure needs to be moved. There is still an appeal against the building inspector regarding the CO for the riding facility.
- 10. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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FEE SCHEDULE

Copies of records and maps -

- \$1.00 Each Page 8 ½" X 11"
- \$2.00 Each Page 8 1/2" x 14"
- \$4.00 Each Page 11"x 17"
- \$10.00 Full Size Black & White Map Copy
- \$20.00 Full Size Color Map Copy
- \$5.00 Per Visit for Hand Held Scanner

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