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Minutes

Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting November 16, 2023
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room (In-Person)
And

Virtually via Zoom

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky, Nicholas D'Addario

- 1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, November 2, 2023. David Bindelglass seconded. Kristi and David voted in favor, Nick abstained.
- 2. During public comment, a resident shared her concern about recent online behavior.
- Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. C.U. LEASING CORP. - \$374.31. 2. CHASE AUTO FINANCE - \$309.98. 3. CHASE AUTO FINANCE - \$500.25. 4. CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD. - \$582.09. 5. VCFS AUTO LEASING -\$608.53. 6. ACAR LEASING LTD - \$533.74. 7. CHASE AUTO - \$948.58. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. David Bindelglass moved to accept the bid from Duke's Chimney and General Contracting for the chimney repair at Town Hall at a cost of \$11,850 and to accept from the quotes because no official bids were submitted to the town. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. David Bindelglass moved to reconstitute the Honorarium Sub-Committee for Fire and EMS. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Kristi Sogofsky moved to accept the Board of Selectmen 2024 meeting schedule as amended. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. A brief discussion ensued about the social media policy and official email usage. Dave will remind all employees and volunteers about the policy in his weekly post.
- 8. A discussion ensued about the protection of Board and Commission members. Dave will draft a statement that goes over our coverage and distribute it to members.
- 9. Kristi Sogofsky proposed a process for self-nominating candidates. Kristi Sogofsky made a motion to accept the process as read with the added sentence for self nominating and posting to the website. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10. No action was taken on Boards and Commissions as the town committees had not been contacted. There are alternate positions open on the Board of Finance and Planning and Zoning. A brief discussion ensued about the Library Building Committee. The Library Committee is planning on applying for a matching grant. One of the conditions of the grant is the library director has to be a voting member. No action was taken.
- 11. A resident questioned the process of bidding on the chimney if additional repairs are needed. Another resident asked about a direct mailing from Ukraine Aid and mentioned there was no 501c3 documentation. Several residents commented about the protection of board and commission members. Lastly, a resident spoke about the arena on Sport Hill Road.

- 12. Kristi Sogofsky asked about an update on the Blaze lease. Nick D'Addario said he was humbled and honored to serve the Town. David Bindelglass addressed the questions about the chimney, Ukraine flyer and the arena. He eished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- 13. Nicholas D'Addario moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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