

Minutes
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting January 4, 2024
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room (In-Person)
And
Virtually via Zoom

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, December 14, 2023 as amended. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. During public comment, a resident suggested that the Treasurer position become an appointed position integrated with the Director of Finance. Many residents spoke in favor of the reappointment of a member to the Board of Ethics.
3. Nicholas D'Addario moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector. 1. KATHRYN LUKACH - \$103.10. 2. BRENNAN SCHICK - \$152.04. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint David Bussolotta as member to the Agricultural Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Jacob Conover as member to the Agricultural Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nicholas D'Addario moved to reappoint Vivian Hardison as member to the Board of Ethics for a term ending 1/2/26. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nicholas D'Addario moved to reappoint Florisca Carter as member to the Board of Ethics for a term ending 1/2/26. David Bindelglass seconded. Kristi Sogofsky opposed. Motion passed. David Bindelglass moved to reappoint Nanette DeWester as member to the Cemetery Committee for a term ending 1/2/30. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nicholas D'Addario moved to reappoint Anne Hughes as member to the Commission for the Aging for a term ending 1/2/27. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to reappoint Robert Adriani as member to the EMS Commission for a term ending 1/2/29. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Ronald Berry as member to the Insurance Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Jordan Baker-Kilner as member to the Land Acquisition and Preservation Authority for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Tom Ganim as alternate to the Land Acquisition and Preservation Authority for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Diane Parker as alternate to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending 1/2/28. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Michael Sabia to Measurer of Wood for a term ending 1/2/25. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Irving Snow to Measurer of Wood for a term ending 1/2/25. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicholas D'Addario moved to reappoint Rocky Sullivan as member to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. David Bindelglass seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Carolyn Oppenheim as member to the Park and Recreation Commission for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Robert Sadowski as member to the Pension and Employee Benefits Commission for a term ending 1/2/28. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David Bindelglass moved to appoint Gerard O'Brien as member to the Pension and Employee Benefits Commission for a term ending 1/2/28. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Raymond Ganim as member to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending 1/2/29. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Jay Habansky as alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending 1/2/29. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Sally England as member to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Eunice Hanson as member to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Prabha Gupta as member to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Tree Warden appointment was tabled until January 18, 2024 Board of Selectmen meeting so selectmen have time to review candidates. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Charles Lynch as alternate to Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending 1/2/27. Nicholas D'Addario seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. During public comment, a resident shared there concern about reappointing a member to the Board of Ethics who has been absent for most meetings. A resident volunteered there services to create a committee to support and protect board and commission volunteers. The chair to the Board of Ethics also said they would volunteer for such a committee, if appropriate. A resident suggested the town look into having three (3) tree wardens.
6. Nicholas D'Addario agreed that a task force should be created to support and protect board and commission volunteers. Kristi Sogofsky requested that we get clarification regarding the insurance policy coverage for the town's volunteers and provide it to the resident who requested the information. Lastly, Kristi would like an update on the NEPC lease. David Bindelglass stated he is unaware of the conversation that the resident had with the Director of Finance regarding the insurance policy but will get clarification. He is also in favor of setting up a task force/committee to protect the Town of Easton volunteers. Lastly, he will look into the absenteeism of the member of the Board of Ethics and reiterate expectations when volunteering for a town committee.
7. Nicholas D'Addario moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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