

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
September 15, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room A

Adam Dunsby called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Adam Dunsby, Carrie Colangelo and Robert Lessler

1. Carrie Colangelo moved and Robert Lessler seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of September 1, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Two residents spoke regarding agenda item #10 as it applies to the Board of Education and Board of Finance.
3. Robert Lessler moved and Carrie Colangelo seconded a motion to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. JAMES E. ROBERTS AND/OR AGNES E. ROBERTS - \$197.03. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Robert Lessler moved and Carrie Colangelo seconded a motion to grant permission to Sport Hill Farms LLC to sell pumpkins from land in front of SSES on weekends from September 23, 2016 through October 30, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Pamela Gupta representing Easton Connects With Kindness spoke regarding their initiative, celebrating ECK (Easton Connects With Kindness) day on the 13th of every month, organizing acts of kindness throughout the community to lead by example. November 13, 2016 is World Kindness Day. The current focus is to motivate the Town to read the book, "Kindness Grows", a collection of random acts of kindness. The request is simply to support the initiative by reading this book and getting the word out to the Town. This year the group will be collecting and assembling care packages for patients at Yale Children's Hospital.
6. Carrie Colangelo moved and Robert Lessler seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Sharon Cregeen and Mary Burlinson from the Senior Center Advisory Board with many thanks for their service. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Robert Lessler moved and Carrie Colangelo seconded a motion to approve the DRIVEWAY VARIANCE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT for 11 Mohawk Drive, Easton, CT. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Robert Lessler move and Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to appoint Berchem Moses & Devlin legal counsel for Lovejoy v Board of Ethics, Town of Easton; and Town of Easton hearing. Carrie Colangelo abstained. Motion passed.
9. Robert Lessler move and Adam Dunsby seconded a motion to appoint Berchem, Moses & Devlin legal counsel for Lovejoy v Chairman, Board of Police Commissioners, Town of Easton; and Board of Police Commissioners, Town of Easton hearing. Carrie Colangelo abstained. Motion passed.
10. Adam Dunsby proposed a new policy for Non-recurring Purchases. The town's auditors recommended such a policy. Affected are purchases over \$7,500 which are otherwise exempt from the Competitive Bidding requirements of the Purchasing Ordinance. The applicable purchases would be required to have a payment order signed by the Department Head and the First Selectman prior to the purchase. A draft of the proposed policy will be sent to Department Heads.
11. The Employee Handbook was reviewed after the approved changes discussed at the prior Board of Selectmen meeting were applied. Additional comments and changes were discussed specifically the FMLA

section, employee verification documentation and the benefits to part-time, non-union employees and elected positions. Any changes for elected positions will be effective post-election 2017. The new language will be integrated and then the handbook reviewed by the Pension and Benefits Commission.

12. No board member comment.
13. Carrie Colangelo moved and Robert Lessler seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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