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**MEETING MINUTES** Easton Board of Selectmen July 20, 2017 7:30 PM Town Hall Conference Room A

Adam Dunsby called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present: Adam Dunsby, Carrie Colangelo, Robert Lessler

- 1. Carrie Colangelo moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of July 6, 2017. Adam Dunsby seconded. Robert Lessler abstained. Motion passed.
- 2. Two residents spoke of the Town's decision to not continue with postcard warnings.
- 3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. CHRISTINE N. SULLIVAN - \$35.40; 2. HONDA LEASE TRUST - \$35.40. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Adam Dunsby raised a topic which was discussed with Matt Gachi, Chairman of the Board of Finance, regarding possible ways to improve the budget process. It was suggested that perhaps the smaller budgets and/or departments that do not report to a board or commission be combined into a Board of Selectmen budget which then can be presented to the Board of Finance at one time. The Selectmen agreed to revisit the issue in one month's time.
- 5. Adam Dunsby read a letter from Planning and Zoning Chairman, Robert Maquat regarding the desire to have the Board of Selectmen appoint a Town Trails Committee to study a proposed Trail and Greenways Plan for the Town of Easton. Adam Dunsby suggested this could fall to the Conservation Commission perhaps as a sub-committee. Dori Wollen, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, who was in attendance, was asked if she would bring this the Conservation Commission for consideration. Dori Wollen will report back her findings in the fall.
- 6. Adam Dunsby announced the retirement of Teresa Rainieri, Assessor for the Town of Easton for the past 31 years. While saddened by the announcement all the Selectmen thank Terri for her many years of service and congratulate her on a lustrous career. The Selectmen then discussed the next steps to form an examining committee per Code of the Town of Easton section 128-8 and 128-9 to begin the search for our next Assessor.
- 7. After discussion and determination that the Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 2017 was legally and properly noticed, Robert Lessler moved to reject the petition submitted by Anne Manusky, for a Town Meeting because the object of the petition is unlawful, frivolous and improper and for the further reason that no proper question to be put before the Town Meeting is recited in the petition. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Adam Dunsby read an email titled "Library Expansion Update" written by Todd Pajonas. The email stated that the Library Board has appointed itself as the building committee for the project at 691 Morehouse Road to better manage the building project. Adam Dunsby read his response to Todd Pajonas which stated that no action affecting the structure of 691 Morehouse Road should be taken at this time. Robert Lessler stated that the established process for construction projects is that parties present their concept to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Selectmen appoints a building committee and writes its charge. Adam Dunsby

introduced an invitation to bid on architectural plans for the children's area expansion of the library that was delivered to his office by Mary Beth Rassulo, Children's Librarian. The Board would like to have further discussions with the Library Board before approving the RFP..

Selectman Carrie Colangelo recused herself and left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

- 9. The Lovejoy Appeal of the Easton Board of Police Commissioners Town of Easton Traffic Safety Regulation was heard. Briefs and exhibits were submitted, testimony presented by Attorney Lovejoy and Commissioner Colangelo. Selectman Dunsby and Selectman Lessler will render a decision at a later date.
- 10. Robert Lessler mention that Marvin Gelfand's term on the Board of Police Commissioners has expired and he needs to be re-appointed. There was an error on the July 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes, agenda item number 6 should be amended to read: Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Marvin Gelfand as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.
- 11. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Adam Dunsby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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