

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
February 1, 2018
7:30 PM

Adam Dunsby called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Adam Dunsby, Carrie Colangelo and Robert Lessler

1. Carrie Colangelo moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of January 18, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A resident commented on various matters.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. CAB EAST, LLC. - \$317.74; 2. JOANNE L. KAUFMAN - \$2,000.00; 3. JENNIFER KHAMRJI - \$86.40; 4. MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SERVICES - \$861.45. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Carrie Colangelo moved to approve the architectural service contract as presented to the 2017 Library Building Committee with the rider incorporated therein and to give the First Selectman the authority with the assistance of counsel to consent to minor modifications to the rider. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. After a brief discussion with Val Buckley, Senior Center Director and Mary Ann Freeman of the Senior Center Advisory Board, Robert Lessler moved to accept the job description as amended for the Assistant Senior Center Director. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Lessler moved to accept the job description as amended for the Senior Center Van Driver. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Chester Burley, President and Mike Howard, Treasurer of the Easton Historical Society discussed with the board the 1996, 30 year lease which detailed out a rent of \$1 per year and a 3.8% of utilities. This has not been fulfilled nor enforced for an unspecified number of years. The Historical Society's usage of the space has declined over the years although many historical documents and artifacts of the history of Easton are stored in the space. Robert Lessler suggested tabling this discussion with the possibility of going into Executive Session after agenda item 9. Holding open. The Selectmen returned to this item later in the meeting.
7. Adam Dunsby announced Captain Richard Doyle as the 2017 Town of Easton Workplace Safety Award recipient. The board congratulates Captain Doyle.
8. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Maureen Williams as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the unexpired term of 11/05/13 – 11/05/19. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Robert Lessler moved to appoint Anne Hughes as a member of the Commission for the Aging for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Jean Stetz-Puchalski as a member of the Agriculture Commission for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint John Miranda as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/23. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint James Spak, MD as a member of the EMS Commission for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/23. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Ronald Berry as a member of the Insurance Commission for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Michael Sabia, Jr. as Measurer of Wood for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/19. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Phil Tamallanca as a member of the Park & Recreation Commission for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Prabha Gupta as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Board for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Sally England as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Board for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Eunice Hanson as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Board for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Colangelo moved to re-appoint Mitchell Greenberg as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of 01/02/18 – 01/02/21. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Lynn Zaffino, Director of the Easton Library and Kristi Sogofsky from the Library Board of Trustees requested an increase in hours for the Part-Time Library Assistant/Circulation position. Currently, the position is budgeted for 20 hours per week and they are seeking an increase to 29 hours per week. The Library is open 46 hours per week and the Circulation Desk is only able to be attended to less than half of the hours of operation. Carrie Colangelo moved to increase the Part-Time Library Assistant/Circulation position to 29 hours per week effective July 1, 2018. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Lessler moved to add to the agenda item 9A. To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9A. Carrie Colangelo moved to go into Executive Session. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session commenced at 9:02 pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:23 pm.

Resume agenda item 6. The Board of Selectman agreed to \$400 per year plus \$1 for rent from the Historical Society. The board will draft a rider to the original lease reflecting the change in rent and certain indemnification language as it applies to insurance coverage.

10. Robert Lessler moved to accept the Easement for Access and Maintenance (Adirondack Estates, LLC. and River Ridge Estates, LLC.) as reflected in the Easton Land Records recorded in Vol. 648, P 815-817. Carrie Colangelo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Carrie Colangelo moved to accept the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Sexual Harassment Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

12. Adam Dunsby reminded of the Special Town Meeting, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Samuel Staples Elementary School. The details will also be placed on three sandwich boards located around Town.

Carrie Colangelo stated that the ERCCC received unanimous approval for their survey at the Easton/Redding/Region 9 Tri-Board Meeting.

Adam Dunsby reported Governor Malloy's decision to suspend funding for various transportation projects, one of which is the Riverside Lane Bridge (40213), half the money for the replacement bridge was due to be funded by the State. The other bridge project, South Park Ave. (40211) is still going to receive funding through LOTCIP. Some investigation is ongoing to see which bridge can be replaced first utilizing funding that is in place.

13. Carrie Colangelo moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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