

MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
September 6, 2018  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

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

Present: Adam Dunsby, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Easton Board of Selectmen Meeting of August 16, 2018. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Several members of the public spoke regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development, South Park Property and the Town Meeting.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. RALPH MICHEL - \$60.91; 2. GLENN NEIDENBACH - \$1.29; 3. GLENN NEIDENBACH - \$93.07; 4. GLENN NEIDENBACH - \$14.56; 5. VCFS AUTO LEASING CO. - \$424.63; 6. MATHEW DIBLASI - \$212.58; 7. MATHEW DIBLASI - \$594.34; 8. ENTERPRISE FM TRUST - \$340.29. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the release of the road opening bond for MR. & MRS. JOSEPH SAMON, permit #1044 for job location 115 Far Horizons Drive, Easton, CT as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works in the amount of \$2,500.00. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Robert Lessler moved to approve the release of the road opening bond for MR. & MRS. JOSEPH SAMON, permit #1037 for job location 115 Far Horizons Drive, Easton, CT as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works in the amount of \$750.00. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Robert Lessler moved to approve the release of the driveway bond for MR. & MRS. JOSEPH SAMON, permit #1601 for job location 115 Far Horizons Drive, Easton, CT as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works in the corrected amount of \$3,000.00.
7. The Board members agreed that the Sacred Heart University baseball field proposal was not a desired use of the South Park Property; however they would explore the idea of an alternate location. Adam Dunsby will request an opinion of the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at the Morehouse Property and Veteran's Field as alternate locations.
8. Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works detailed an update on the three bridge projects in various stages of replacement and/or reconstruction. The bid opening is scheduled for September 19, 2018 for the bridge at Buck Hill Road which will be the first one to be replaced. There are several requirements from the State that need to be met during the process. After the "Notice to Proceed" from the State is given, the contractors have 210 days to complete the project without penalty. This however, includes a December 1 through March 31, winter shut down period (option not to work if the weather so dictates). This period is not counted in the 210 days. With funding expected in October and beams taking 3 months to order and fabricate, it is expected the current bridge will remain until spring and be closed with detour routes for approximately 6 months. The bridge near Riverside Lane will be harder to replace however most of the design work was completed prior to the State suspending funding. This bridge is anticipated to begin the bidding process in

2020. The Valley Road Bridge will need a deck replacement, however, because of corroded steel beams and environmental concerns it may be less expensive to replace rather than rehab. This bridge is also not eligible for the LOTCIP funding because of not being in an urban area. This bridge would be eligible under the Federal Preservation Project which funds 80% of the total project cost. Design may tentatively begin in 2019.
9. A letter dated September 6, 2018 from the Town Clerk, acknowledges receipt of a Petition for Town Meeting regarding "proposed ordinance for town meeting action on the acquisition or disposition of real property". Action must be taken within 21 days of the Board of Selectmen receiving the petition. A proposed ordinance and subsequent amendment of the ordinance was presented at a Town Meeting in March of 2014 and overwhelmingly defeated. In May of 2015, the Board was presented a nearly identical petitioned ordinance and rejected it as frivolous and improper. The Board decided to request of Berchem Moses their legal opinion if the current petition is properly proposed and what, if any, kind of modifications to the language of the proposed ordinance they would recommend before proceeding. A possible special Board of Selectmen meeting may be called September 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss.
  10. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Timothy Brady as an alternate on the Board of Finance for the unexpired term of 1/2/2015 – 1/2/2021. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
Robert Lessler moved to appoint Veronica Rozo as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for the unexpired term of 11/3/2013 – 11/5/2019. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of Jamie Weinstein as an alternate on the Board of Finance with thanks for his service to the Town of Easton. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  11. Robert Lessler moved to appoint Berchem Moses legal counsel in the matter of YUAN SUHANG and KEVIN WADE vs. TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION et al. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  12. Board member comments were discussed regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission draft update of the Town of Easton Plan of Conservation and Development 2018-2028. Adam Dunsby will write a letter of support and general endorsement of the plan (with one technical exception) to the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to their public hearing on October 1, 2018.
  13. (This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.) Discussion and review of Policies and Procedures.
  14. Adam Dunsby commented that the cell tower is being delayed by Verizon equipment on back order and that he has met with AT&T and they are in talks to be a service provider on the tower.
  15. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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