

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Easton Board of Selectmen  
March 16, 2020 – 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room A

David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Doug Dempsey, Andy Anderson and Robert Webbe presented a proposal to the Town of Easton for auxiliary funding of the current Government Channel 79 cable operations which is currently only funded by Altice (Optimum) Cable Company. This will enable posting Easton government meetings on our website. For a one time setup labor, design, technical and hardware configuration for \$5,000, \$2,250 for a MacBook Pro laptop, Final Cut Pro editing program for \$400. An annual subscription to Vimeo Pro which is a video hosting channel will be a reoccurring cost of \$240 per year. Also proposed is \$5,000 as an annual work contract for the first year of this pilot program. David Bindelglass moved to grant and fund the (trial) pilot program to expand our Channel 79 service to an online on demand service at the cost of \$7,890 for the initial first year. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The Board of Finance Budget Hearing scheduled for March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. has been officially postponed indefinitely.  
The Selectmen discussed the contingency plans for conducting any public meetings in the foreseeable future. There are several options available to get feedback and comments during real-time meetings. Doug and Andy mentioned several different ways to accomplish this so as not to exclude as many residents of Easton as possible. A tri-caster would be able to set up live streaming on Chanel 79 and Channel 78 (Education Channel) and also stream simultaneously on Facebook or Web X. Doug Dempsey and Robert Webbe will do a test possibly at the next Board of Selectmen meeting and report back with their findings.
3. Robert Lessler moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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