

**Town of Easton  
Board of Finance - Minutes**

**Location:** Easton Senior Center Meeting Type: Special Date/Time: March 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
**Attendees:** Members: Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Art Laske, Paul Skrtich,  
Alternates: Gregg Saunders, Devon Wible, Tara Gottlieb  
**Absentee(s):** Andy Kachele, Michael Kot  
**Guest(s):** Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer, David Bindelglass, First Selectman,  
Bob Lessler-Selectman, Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at: 7:06pm by: Matt Gachi

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***Appointment of Alternates***

Action/Motions: A motion was made to appoint Gregg Saunders to fill in for Andy Kachele in his absence.  
Motion (Second): Paul Skrtich (Paul Lindoerfer) **Result:** All in Favor

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**Agenda Item 1 *Review 2020-2021 budget for Senior Center***

Notes: Val Buckley, Senior Center Director, Randy Shapiro, Asst Director and Mary Ann Freeman, Senior Center Advisory Board presented the budget. Budget items, grants and the need for a new van next year were discussed.  
Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 2 *Review 2020-2021 budget for Assessor and Board of Assessment Appeals***

Notes: Rachel Maciulewski, Assessor presented the budgets. The assessment appeal process was discussed. Assessor capital of 43,800 is for ½ of the estimated total cost of the property reassessment due to start this year. This will be a “statistical reevaluation” which does not require a physical inspection of each property. The 2019 Grand List is 1,294,122,635.  
Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 3 *Review 2020-2021 budget for Tax Collector***

Notes: Krista Kot, Tax Collector presented the budget. Krista is working with a company, Invoice Cloud, to enable on-line tax payments.  
Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 4 *Review 2020-2021 budget for Building Department***

Notes: Tony Ballaro, Building Official, presented the budget.  
Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 5 *Review 2020-2021 budget for Fire Marshal***

Notes: Peter Neary, Fire Marshall and David Buchanan, Fire Commission presented the budget.  
Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 6      *Review 2020-2021 budget for Fire Department***

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Notes: Steve Waugh, Chief and David Buchanan, Fire Commissioner presented the budget. The need for and costs of foreseeable equipment replacement were discussed. Steve is recommending that the town consider hiring a consultant to review and provide recommendations for managing the town's future emergency services needs. He also recommends that we hire a grant writer familiar with emergency services to look for and submit grant proposals for items like air packs and radios.

Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 7      *Review 2020-2021 budget for Public Works, 660 Morehouse, Recycling, Street Lights***

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Ed Nagy presented the budgets. The capital request for 660 Morehouse includes conversion of two units from oil to natural gas, removal of the in-ground oil tank at the north end of the building and a safety railing for the Senior Center.

Notes: The cost of recycling was discussed. The town used to be able to sell its 900 tons of recyclables for \$30/ton but now is estimating it will cost us \$100/ton next year.

The town does about 8 miles of chip sealing each year on our 94 miles of roads. The Public Works budget is requesting \$150,000 for removing ash trees next year. Ed believes that the town will continue to receive \$227,623 of state town aid for streets.

Action/Motions: None

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**Agenda Item 8      *Review fill-in budgets***

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Notes: There were no fill-in budgets to review.

Action/Motions: None

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***Appointment of Alternates***

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Action/Motions: Art Laske had to leave the meeting at 10:00pm and appointed Tara Gottlieb to fill in for him in his absence.

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**Agenda Item 9      *Adjournment***

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Action/Motions: A motion was made to adjourn at 10:33pm.

Motion (Second): Paul Lindoerfer (Tara Gottlieb)      **Result:** All in Favor

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoerfer- Clerk