

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting February 4, 2021
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A
ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, January 21, 2021, with the following amendments. Add a comma after 2021, in the first line. Agenda item 2, add in the second sentence before "should", "any member"; in the fourth line after "persists", add "then any member of the". Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. No public comment.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. IGOR MALITSKY C/O ROBERT MALITSKY - \$3,722.63; 2. NISSIAN INFINITI LT - \$324.79; 3. NISSIAN INFINITI LT - \$30.66. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Michael Sabia, Sr. as Measurer of Wood for the term January 2, 2021 - January 2, 2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kristi Sogofsky moved to reappoint Charles Lynch as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term of January 2, 2021 - January 2, 2024. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Police Chief Richard Doyle presented a proposal prompted by the Police Accountability Bill, which will require Body and Dash Cam's for the entire Easton Police Department by January 1, 2022. The quote from WatchGuard is estimated at \$46,000.00 which would include all the needed equipment to outfit every officer and vehicle with 2 spare units as back-up. A quote from AccuCom Consulting, Inc. for the network attached backup storage device for \$3,770.00, was also reviewed. This is needed to satisfy the State of Connecticut Retention requirements. The Chief also stated that they need, for consistency, to stay with WatchGuard or they would have to replace all existing equipment. The Board of Finance has favored a special appropriation for the full amount. The state is offering a 30% reimbursement for compliance with the required body and dash cam purchase. The Board thanks the Chief for attending and presenting tonight.
6. Robert Lessler moved to award the bid for the Senior Center Safety Hand Railing to MONO-CRETE STEP, LLC in the amount of \$9,930.00 for as recommended by Ed Nagy, Director of Public Works. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action on proposed Land Use Ordinance. Agenda item tabled.
8. The Board discussed the Planning and Zoning letter regarding the hiring of a Drinking Water & Reservoir Management/Urban Water Management expert as an advocate for the Town of Easton during the process of Aquarion's plan to divert water from Easton reservoirs to lower Fairfield County. No recommendation was provided on who to hire, but perhaps an RFQ can go out seeking the

services of a consultant not only for the diversion plan but our overall relation with Aquarion. No action taken.

9. Dave Bindelglass stated that there was a Coronavirus Vaccination Clinic held today at the Easton Library. Approximately 100 vaccines were given. The Clinic for the second shot will be held March 4, 2021. You must sign up through the VAMS website for an appointment. There are currently 296 cases in town and the state is at a 3.14 rate of infection.
10. A resident stated that she viewed a roundtable discussion that Tony Hwang hosted regarding 8-30G at which a very water and wetlands versed attorney was present. She will find his name. Another resident said he may have someone who would be qualified to serve as a consultant. He also asked what recourse we have as a town? The first resident then asked if we have any leverage in the P.O.C.D. to deal with this?
11. Kristi Sogofsky said she was very concerned about the way people are shaming people who contract COVID. This virus is not discriminatory. Even the most careful person may end up getting the virus. There is no place for shaming and it actually may hinder compliance with contact tracing. Be aware of travel advisories and be kind to one another. Kristi went on to say that Chief Doyle had sent out a warning about a rash of car break-ins recently, one of which was hers and in her driveway. Nothing was taken, however, she reiterated to lock your doors and bring all valuables inside. Robert Lessler tipped his hat to the Superintendent, Dr. Rydell Harrison for his creative snow day announcement, which garnered local, state and national acclaim! Dave Bindelglass announced that our long time Assessor and current Fire District Assessor, Terri Rainieri passed away Wednesday evening. Our thoughts and condolences go to her family. Letters went out to most, if not all, new residents and there will be a virtual event, March 11, 2021, 7:30 pm welcoming all to the town and displaying what Easton has to offer. He would like to see a Town Meeting in late March and is organizing a meeting to discuss how to make this happen. Most likely post cards would be sent out. At this first meeting, only those items of a timely nature would be presented.
12. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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