

Town of Easton – Special Town Meeting

MINUTES

March 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton

Present:

David Bindelglass, First Selectman
Kristi Sogofsky, Selectman

Robert Lessler, Selectman
Christine Halloran, Town Clerk

Attendees:

Richard Doyle, Chief of Police
Steve Waugh, Fire Chief
Paul Lindoerfer, Chair, Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee
Mark Cooper, Director, Westport Weston Health District
Justin Giorlando, Land Use Consultant
About 35 members of the public

Registrars of Voters checked-in attendees with identification at entrance.

David Bindelglass convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The First Selectman asked for a motion to nominate a Moderator. Jeffrey Parker nominated Maureen Williams. No further nominations. The motion was seconded. The nomination was approved by voice vote.

The moderator stated ground rules for the meeting and called for official comments for Agenda items.

1. Appropriate the sum of \$49,770 for the purchase of body and dash cam cameras for the Easton Police Department as mandated by state law.

The Moderator called for official comments from the Easton Chief of Police, Richard Doyle. The Moderator called for public comment. A resident commented. Andy Kachele, Chair of the Board of Finance, commented about the procedure for appropriations presented to a Town Meeting and the unanimous support of this item from the Board of Finance. The Moderator called for any other discussion. With no additional comments, the Moderator indicated that the item would go to a machine vote.

2. Appropriate an ordinance change increasing the stipend available to volunteers to our Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

The Moderator called for official comments from the Easton Fire Chief, Steve Waugh. The Moderator called for public comment. A resident commented. The Moderator called for any other discussion. With no additional comments, the Moderator indicated that the item would go to a machine vote.

3. Approve the Tax Relief for the Elderly Ordinance as recommended by the 2021 Senior Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee.

The Moderator called for official comments from the Chair for the Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee, Paul Lindoerfer. The Moderator called for public comment. Residents commented. The Moderator called for any other discussion. With no additional comments, the Moderator indicated that the item would go to a machine vote.

4. Authorization for the Town of Easton to join the Westport Weston Health District.

The Moderator called for official comments from the Director of the Westport Weston Health District, Mark Cooper. The Moderator called for public comment. Residents commented. The Moderator called for any other discussion. With no additional comments, the Moderator indicated that the item would go to a machine vote.

5. As an advisory question, should the town of Easton appropriate \$249,400 for the local match requirement (20% of the total project cost of \$1,247,000) for the costs associated with constructing a multi-use/pedestrian path along Sport Hill Road from the entrance of Helen Keller Middle School to the crosswalk at Silverman's Farm pursuant to the Town's "transportation alternatives set-aside" application submitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation on August 29, 2019?

The Moderator called for official comments from the Easton Land Use Consultant, Justin Giorlando. The Moderator called for public comment. Residents commented. The Moderator called for any other discussion. With no additional comments, the Moderator indicated that the item would go to a machine vote.

6. Adjournment of the Town Meeting to a machine vote to be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary.

The Moderator adjourned the Town Meeting to a machine vote to be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Samuel Staples Elementary School to vote on each agenda item. No further discussion or public comment. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by,
Christine Halloran, CCTC, CMC
Easton Town Clerk