

**Town of Easton-Special Town Meeting
MINUTES
September 6, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Easton Senior Center, 650 Morehouse Road, Easton**

Present:

David Bindelglass, First Selectman
Kristi Sogofsky, Selectman

Robert Lessler, Selectman
Deborah Szegedi, Town Clerk

Presenters

Chief Doyle from the Easton Police Department

Members of the Public

2 Easton Residents, 1 Online Viewer, 4 Board of Finance Members. Finance Director Christine Calvert

Registrars of Voters David Smith & Dori Wollen were present to check in attendees with identification at entrance.

Meeting available on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86056116246?pwd=M21VWG4wbUtnRVZjZE1naGczeHhPdZ09>

David Bindelglass convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The First Selectman asked for a motion to nominate a Moderator. David Smith nominated David Bindelglass. The motion was seconded by June Logie. No further nominations. The nomination was approved by voice vote.

Chief Doyle Spoke about the E-Citation Grant which has multiple purposes. The first purpose of this grant is to secure the necessary funding to implement the E-Ticket/Citation Program. This will enable the Officers to improve the efficiency/safety in multiple aspects of our day-to-day operations, such as time required to fill out an infraction versus handwriting one, electronic data entry being reduced to onetime, with automatic transfers to the Centralized Infraction Bureau.

The second and the most important for the Easton Police Department is the E-Citation Grant provides the ability to fund all necessary equipment, (mobile computers, mounting brackets, E-Citation printers, hardware) and installation for the patrol vehicles. The department currently does not have mobile computers in the patrol vehicles. Without having mobile computers at the hands of officers it is becoming increasingly difficult to perform the duties of law enforcement by not having the proper tools for the job. This is also creating a safety risk for the officers as currently the officer must conduct all Motor vehicle registration, Operators License, and Criminal record checks through the Police Dispatch Center which extremely limits what information the officer is able to obtain.

On June 1, 2022 the Easton Police Department was awarded the E-Citation Grant in the amount of \$35,954.25 which will cover the costs of five (5) mobile computers, five (5) E-Citation printers, all

mounting hardware and installation which will be purchased through Glacier Computers New Milford, CT. This grant is a 100% reimbursable grant.

This Grant does not cover the software that is needed to get the mobile version of the Police Departments RMS system into the patrol vehicles. The current vendor of the Police Departments RMS system is AccuCom Consulting which is the sole provider of the Police Departments RMS system. AccuCom Consulting will install and configure all mobile software, COLLECT/NCIC, install and configure E-Ticketing as well as 1-year maintenance. The total of AccuCom is *\$25,778.00.

The goal of the E-Citation program is to have all Connecticut municipalities operating on the E-Citation platform which is the direction in which the State of Connecticut is heading.

*Funding approved at the Board of Finance meeting on July 5, 2022; <https://vimeo.com/showcase/easton-board-of-finance>

The Moderator called for a motion to approve the E-Citation Grant as described.

Motion was moved by Dori Wollen and seconded by June Logie.

Andy Kachele stated to the Moderator that the motion is not to approve the grant the motion is to approve the appropriation approved by the Board of Finance. The Moderator stated that was correct.

The Moderator stated that we have a motion on the floor is there any discussion? Anyone online?

Hearing none a vote was taken. All in favor say aye, Opposed? Abstained?

Motion passes.

Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn this Special Town Meeting.

Motion was moved by Dori Wollen and seconded by June Logie.

No further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Deborah Szegedi

Easton Town Clerk