

EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

8 APRIL 2013

7:00 P.M.

EASTON TOWN OFFICE

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Bruce Flewelling, Doug Blackstone, Mike Corey, Scott Allen and Jim Gardner/Town Manager.

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting Roderick Plourde ask the Easton Board of Selectmen if he could buy back his property on the Station Road, which the Town acquired by failure of tax payment. Chairman Dudley stated that the Town was not in the position at this time to approve Mr. Plourde's request because of the junk yard that exist on the property. Mr. Plourde stated that he had been ill over the winter and did not have time to clean the premises. Chairman Dudley stated that the Town has been at least five years trying to get the property cleaned up. Mr. Plourde stated that he did not know he was three years behind in taxes as his girlfriend gets the mail. Manager Gardner stated that the Town had Mr. Plourde's signature on the return receipts. Chairman Dudley stated at this time the Town was not interested in returning the property. Mr. Plourde stated that he would clean up the property and reappear before the Board at its June meeting.

Ms. Lagassee from Bridge Street spoke to the Easton Board of Selectmen about the bridge located across the Prestile Stream, which she has brought to the Board's attention before. She stated that she is trying to refinance their home and the bank won't look at the loan until the bridge is repaired. Manager Gardner informed the Board that CES Engineering has designed a box culvert at the cost of approximately \$120,000. Chairman Dudley asked about maybe purchasing the property located on Bridge Street if the cost was less than the culvert. Ms. Lagassee stated her property would be for sale. Chairman Dudley stated that the Town would look into the avenues the Town could take and get back to Ms. Lagassee.

Motion was made by Selectman Blackstone to approve the minutes of 11 February 2013 Easton Board of Selectmen regular meeting. Selectmen Flewelling seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Corey made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #117 & #118 plus #1-#19. Selectmen Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve and sign the annual appointments as presented by the Town Manager. Selectman Flewelling seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the request from the Maine Department of Transportation concerning the paving of Route 10. Selectman Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 5 April 2013. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen review information concerning the governor's proposal for the two-year State of Maine Budget. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Department of Human Services concerning the Town's General Assistance program. The letter stated that the Town of Easton was in compliance with the program regulations. So noted.

Manager Gardner stated that the Town had burn two properties that were tax acquired and that the Town was also had closed on the purchase of Moose Meadows.

Selectman Corey made the motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters at 9:10 pm. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Chairman Dudley stated that the Board would be in executive session for approximately 10 minutes. Motion carried 5-0

Selectman Allen made the motion to come out of executive session at 9:17 pm. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flewelling made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner
Town Manager