

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
24 AUGUST 2015
7:00 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Bruce Flewelling, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Galen Flewelling, Cheryl Clark and Garnett Robinson

There was no Public Comment.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen's 13 July 2015 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #45-#60. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the loan agreement with Village Health Care. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve and sign the lease/purchase agreement for 80 Center Road with Village Health Care. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign appreciation letters to McCain Frozen Food, Huber Engineering and Easton Field Days Committee. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Blackstone made the motion to approve the veteran's exemption for James Brown. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion failed 0-5.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to appoint Andrew King to the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the financial figures through 20 August 2015. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the letter from Commissioner Rosen concerning the Easton's BETE/BETR Audit. Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to ask the State of

Maine Property Tax Division to indicate other communities that faced the same adjustments and to further the conversation with our local representatives at the State of Maine level. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Dennis Hussey requesting taxpayer information under the Freedom of Information Act. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed information from MMA Risk Management concerning a dividend for an excellent Workers Compensation Safety program. So noted.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve borrowing up to \$1.1 million under the current tax anticipated note at prime minus 1% with Katahdin Trust Company. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

During the Manager's Report Garnett Robinson, Maine Assessment and Appraisal Company, indicated to the Easton Board of Selectmen that he had completed the revaluation of all real estate properties in Easton. He informed the Board of Selectmen that with the additional increases at the school, town and county Easton's mil rate should remain the same at 17.4 mil. Selectmen Allen made the motion to set the mil rate at \$17.40 per thousand for the 2015 tax billing year. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner, Town Manager