

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 14 JULY 2014
7:00 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Mike Corey, Scott Allen, Bruce Flewelling, Jim Gardner/Town Manager, David Salkind and Joshua Salkind. Selectmen Blackstone join meeting in progress.

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

During the public comment portion of the meeting resident David Salkind present a letter to the Selectmen in reference to his real estate property not being tax properly. Town Manager Jim Gardner stated that after review of the property and the assessment Mr. Salkind was correct in his findings. Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve an abatement of \$671.06 to David Salkind. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve minutes from 9 June 2014 Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve and sign Treasurer's warrants #46-#56. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign 2014 Municipal Valuation. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve and sign 2014 Assessor's Certification of Assessment. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to set the mil rate at 17.4 for the 2014 tax bills. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the financial figures through 3 July 2014. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the 2013-2014 Financial Audit which stated that the Town of Easton is under sound financial management. So noted.

Town Manager Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that the Local Road Assistance program for the Town of Easton has been cut by \$6,000 from the State Department of Transportation for FY 2014-2015. So noted.

Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Town of Easton has been designated as a pilot program for the Aroostook Aspiration Initiative program for about 50 high school students to participate in a community improvement project. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a variety of thank you notes from scholarship recipients. So noted.

During the Town Manager's report Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that the bridge on the old Frypan Road must be removed as it has collapsed into the Prestile Stream. Town Manager Jim Gardner stated that Harry Hafford had called and wondered if the Town of Easton would be interested in purchasing a bench at the Veteran's Cemetery in Caribou.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to appropriate \$300 from the Selectmen Discretionary account for the purchasing of a bench for the Veteran's Cemetery. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Jim Gardner stated that a property owner on the Hersom Road was interested in abutting property on both sides of his property. After reviewing the property Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to offer both pieces of property for \$15,000. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that Village Health Care was having a problem with the current building being leased at 80 Center Road because of excessive heat and no air conditioning. Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to install two heat/air conditioning pumps at 80 Center Road facility and for the monies to come from UDAG. The monies used for the project will be added to the existing lease/purchase price and become the new lease/purchase price. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Selectman Corey seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner, Town Manager