

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
14 MARCH 2016  
7:00 PM  
EASTON TOWN OFFICE  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Paul Dudley, Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner Town Manager and Garnett Robinson Easton Assessing Agent.

No Public Comment

Chairman Dudley moved the Assessing items (number 6 & 7 of the agenda). The following abatement request where heard and decided upon:

Selectmen Corey made the motion to deny the abatement request from Harvey Miller, 215 Forest Avenue. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to deny the abatement request from Samuel Swartentuber, 312 Ladner Road. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to deny the abatement request from Uri Miller, 97 Gray Road and adjust the rating of the building from a C grade to a D grade resulting in an abatement of \$19,700 in building assessment or \$342.78. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to deny the abatement request from Enos Yoder, 152 Bangor Road. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to deny the abatement request from Jonas Gingerich, 120 Bangor Road. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to deny the abatement request from Jacob Miller, 187 Forest Avenue. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to deny the abatement request from Eli Glick, 328 Fuller Road and adjust the rating of the building from a B grade to a C grade resulting in an abatement of \$16,900 in building assessment or \$294.06. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to set agricultural valuations for open space programs at State of Maine suggested rates with the exception of pastureland to be set at \$400 per acre. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve minutes of the 8 February 2016 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #117 & #1-#9. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to deny the Veteran's Exemption for John S. Hoyt due to the fact that Easton is not his place of residence. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the County of Aroostook's County Tax Bill. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign Aroostook County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2016 Update. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Peter Davis, CPA concerning 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Auditor Schedule. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from MMA Risk Management Services concerning sidewalk accident liabilities. So noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that the Easton Assessing Agent Garnett Robinson had toured Huber Wood Engineering and would be touring McCain Frozen Foods on 15 March 2016 to establish real estate and personal property tax updates.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to enter Executive Session for legal purposes at 9:25 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to exit Executive Session at 9:45 pm. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to deny the poverty tax abatement presented before them. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Gardner, Town Manager