

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
9 NOVEMBER 2015
7:00 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner-Town Manager, Garnett Robinson-Maine Appraisal and Assessment and Kevin Marquis-Easton Housing Authority (West Ridge Manor)

There was no Public Comment.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen's 12 October 2015 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #75-#85. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Marquis from the West Ridge Manor Board of Directors asked the Easton Board of Selectmen if they would be willing to finance a portion of the needed tractor for maintenance at the Manor. Mr. Marquis stated that this was the same avenue that was used to purchase the last tractor purchased at the Manor. Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the request from Mr. Marquis with the amount be taken from the Grange Apartment funds not to exceed \$25,000 to be paid back to the Grange Apartment funds within a five year period at no interest. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letter from State of Maine General Assistance program noting Easton's recent inspection of files to be in compliance with State of Maine regulations. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen met with Garnett Robinson (Assessing Agent for the Town of Easton) to discuss supplements and abatement request derived from the last revaluation of real estate property completed August 2015. The Easton Board of Selectmen acting as the town of Easton Board of Assessors took the following actions:

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to abate \$9,700 in assessed value for Kim Richardson. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to abate \$41.76 of Bryan Shaw 2015 taxes. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to deny the abatement request from Country Farms store. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to deny the abatement request from Kathy Sherwood. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to deny the abatement request from Irving Oil Company, Canada. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the supplement tax for \$27.84 concerning David Lamoreau. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that the 2016-2017 Municipal budget process has begun and the first draft should be ready at the January 2016 regular selectmen's meeting. Manager Gardner also stated that he had corresponded with Stephanie Beaulieu about the junk yards on Station Road and that we will proceed to legal action.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner, Town Manager