

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Cheryl Clark. Guest: Andrew King

1. Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. There was no public comment.
3. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
4. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve and sign the Treasurer's warrants #79-80 and 1-3. Motion carried 5-0.
5. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the financial figures through March 6, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Reviewed and discussed Easton School Department's financial statement as of 2/28/2025. Cheryl will be meeting with Holly Vining or RHS Smith – auditor, Rick Lyons – Superintendent, and Sarah King – Business Manager about correction to education carry-forward as of 2/15/2025 and school budget concerns.
7. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to accept the Tax Anticipated Note with Machias Savings Bank at 5.0% fixed rate for an amount up to but not to exceed \$990,000, all documents will be executed by Cheryl Clark, Town Manager/Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0.
8. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen that the Selectmen order the discontinuance of a portion of the Bowers Road, said road being a town way approximately 66 feet wide including the right-of-way, from a point beginning at the Ladner Road and extending in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 935 feet and that the following damages be paid to abutting property owners as follows: Clement III and Jodi King - \$0, Joseph and Sarah King - \$0, Brandon Tenney - \$0 and Anatoly Odulo - \$0. Motion carried 5-0.

It was then moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen that the Selectmen issue and file with the Town Clerk an Order of Discontinuance that accurately reflects the action taken by the Selectmen to discontinue a portion of the Bowers Road and that the Selectmen send abutting property owner's best practicable notice of this action without delay. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen signed Order of Discontinuance and Notice of Vote and Public Hearing on Order of Discontinuance of Road.

9. Discussed modified fire station plans. Scott Allen met with members of the Easton Fire Department to hear their requests and concerns to pass along to Tim Roix and Mandy Pooler of BRSA.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask that Cheryl Clark, Town Manager contact Machias Savings Bank about a line of credit for \$500,000 to be used for preliminary expenses, such as design and site purchase, that are currently unfunded. Should Cheryl Clark be successful in securing an agreement for a line of credit for \$500,000 from Machias Savings Bank, an article will be added to the Town Meeting Warrant for April 7, 2025 Town Meeting to ask for voter approval of said line of credit application and implementation by Town Manager Cheryl Clark. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Reviewed and discussed contract with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to sign the contract for a Municipal Equalization Project with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Updated Board of Selectmen on status of daycare project. The survey has been completed and Megan Barnes will be meeting with the School Board to present on the results on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the regular School Board meeting. Bruce Flewelling and Cheryl Clark plan to attend.
12. Reviewed Notice of Intent to Pursue Funding for Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) Network Development in Our Area from Pioneer Broadband. The sample of a letter of support provided by Pioneer Broadband will be used to create a letter of support from the Town of Easton and will be sent to Pioneer Broadband.
13. Discussed request from Power's Roofing to do an inspection of the fire station roof as their company was the last to do work on it and many years have passed since then. No action will be taken.
14. Discussed liner of chimney at Fire Station building. The Board of Selectmen requested the Town Manager get more information on whether the liner and work has already been paid for to Dan Ferris Inc. as part of the contract and also find out if other options are available regarding the chimney.
15. Manager's items: None
16. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried. 5-0.