

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
14 AUGUST 2023
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Scott Allen, Cheryl Clark Easton Town Clerk and Jim Gardner Town Manager

Vice Chairman Allen called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm

No Public Comment.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of 18 July 2023 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #44- #51. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve to approve the Financial Figures through 9 August 2023. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve and sign the revised Assessors' Certification of Assessment. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to appoint Denise Clark as Easton Primary Animal Control Officer. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to appoint Ryan Gundy as Alternate Easton Animal Control Officer. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve and sign Supplemental Tax Certificate for Brent Flewelling. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve and sign Tax Abatement for Bryon and Candace Fuller. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve and sign Tax Abatement for First Western Equipment Finance. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve and sign Tax Abatement for Jacob Miller. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to send a letter to the Easton School Committee requesting monthly financial figures concerning the Easton School Department. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Maine Municipal Association in reference to the ending of Maine Property Tax Stabilization Program. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed legal notes from the Maine Municipal Association in reference to major changes to the sale of Tax Acquired Property. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen review the financial change to the Maine Department of Transportation Local Road Assistance Program. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the appeal letter for NDCBU boxes (cluster mailboxes) in Village Acres Subdivision. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Maine Municipal Association Risk Management referencing the dividend awarded to the Town of Easton for best Workers Compensation practices. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen review information concerning the Maine Municipal Association annual conference. Town Manager Gardner asked the Easton Board of Selectmen the authorization to close the Town Office on 3 October 2023 at 12:00 noon and reopen 6 October 2023 at 8:00 am.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to close the Easton Town Office at noon on the 3rd of October 2023 and stay closed on 4 and 5 October 2023 with a reopening of 6 October at 8:00 am to attend training at the Maine Municipal Association annual conference in Augusta, Maine. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that he would like the Easton Board of Selectmen to no longer work on Easton School Department buses or inspection performance on the buses beginning 1 November 2023. Town Manager Gardner explained

that the Easton Highway Department only have 2 employees and Easton's roads need immediate attention that cannot be committed to because of the repairs and inspection of buses using up time that should be dedicated to roads.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to send a letter to the Easton School Committee stating that as of 1 November 2023, the Easton Highway Department will no longer repair or inspect Easton School Department buses for the foreseeable future. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Town Manager Gardner stated that the Easton Snowmobile Club was requesting a not to exceed loan from the UDAG Account of \$90,000 for the purchase of a 2023 Snow Trail Groomer.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve a loan to the Easton Snowmobile Club not to exceed \$90,000 to be paid in a 15-year term with no interest charged. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager