

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, 8 JANUARY 2018
7:00 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

Public Hearing was opened on Automobile Graveyard Permits for S.A.B.O.T. Salvage and D & L Salvage. Chairman Corey asked Town Clerk Cheryl Clark if the Town Office had received any complaints regarding either of the applications. Town Clerk Cheryl Clark replied that the Town Office had no comments for either application. Hearing no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

PRESENT: Chairman Michael Corey, Paul Dudley, Scott Allen, Doug Blackstone, Cheryl Clark-Town Clerk, Travis Hussey and Jim Gardner, Town Manager (by phone)

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

As Travis Hussey of S.A.B.O.T. Salvage was in attendance, the Board addressed item 6 of the agenda. Selectman Dudley made the motion to approve and sign the Automobile Graveyard Permits for both Travis Hussey d/b/a S.A.B.O.T. Salvage, 102 Houlton Road and Dana Cyr d/b/a D & L Salvage, 41 Cleaves Road. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no public comment.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen's December 7, 2017 regular meeting. Selectman Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #122-#131. Selectman Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Dudley made the motion to approve the financial figures through January 2, 2018. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve and sign the dispatch contract for Easton Fire Department with Aroostook County Sherriff's Department. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Dudley made the motion to approve and sign the Emera Application and Utility Location Permit for Adam Russell property on Mahany Road. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectman Dudley made the motion to appoint the following Easton residents to the School Budget Committee: Maeghan Swanson, Jennifer Morin, Dennis LaTour, Terry Clark, Norman Trask, Keith Richardson, Jenna McGlinn, Tom Osgood, Cody Tompkins, Ruth Cote, Merlon Cronkite, Lewis Copeland, Tony Stevens, Skip Babineau and Matthew Pelletier. Alternates: Ryan Guess and Rickie J. Hull. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Jim will select a date to train the new committee on the budget process. A letter will be sent to inform the committee on the training date.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2018/2019 Annual Municipal Budget. Town Manager Jim Gardner gave an overview of the budget going into detail of certain line items in each department. Town Manager Gardner stated that he will have all warrant requests, along with the final draft of the proposed budget available for the February 8, 2018 meeting. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letters from SafetyWorks! that confirmed that all of the departments had properly completed the possible safety violations identified by SafetyWorks! investigator Richard Wark. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed report of increased website usage. New website allows access to website from mobile devices. So noted.

During the Manager's report, Jim informed the Board of Selectmen the Town had tax acquired the trailer owned by Carol Francis(Jessica Harding). The trailer is on land that has already been tax acquired from Vickie Kearney. No noted. Jim also informed the Board he intends to be back to work on February 1st.

Selectman Allen mentioned the solar lights installed to light up the sign directing traffic to Huber Engineered Woods, LLC and McCain Foods USA is not making the sign sufficiently visible at night. Jim Gardner, Town Manager, will looking into improving those lights or installing better lighting. So Noted.

Selectman Dudley stated he had received a complaint following a recent storm that the Fire Department had not been plowed and cleaning out that driveway should be a priority in case of a fire or emergency. Jim Gardner stated he would talk to Bob Clark the Highway Foreman and figure out a way to address the concern. So Noted.

Selectman Dudley had some residents express concern about the end of the Bowers Road being plugged and therefore no access for emergency vehicles to the Amish family farther down the road. Jim Gardner is going to request a written legal option from Maine Municipal Association regarding Town's responsibility for maintaining that portion of the road. So noted.

Selectman Dudley stated it might be necessary to provide more details about the 80 Center Road building to increase interest. Also, could provide details about bank building to encourage occupancy to both buildings. Selectman Dudley mentioned broadening our advertising. So noted.

Selectman Blackstone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk