

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Douglas Blackstone, Norm Trask, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Cheryl Clark

Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

There was no public comment

Tim Roix of BRSA and Greg White, Fire Chief attended to discuss school lot at the corner of Bangor and Center Road as a potential site for the new fire station. Tim has verified with MDOT there is no concern about visibility issues for trucks entering the roadway. Discussed the school's septic system; if it needs to be replaced where it could go (would both fire station and school septic systems fit on same side as school) and how much area would be needed (Sash Engineering estimates 150'100'). Also need to consider the location of both school and fire station wells. Tim is going to visit both sites being considered and give the Board an opinion on both. This opinion will be forwarded to the Board and Greg White, Fire Chief, in advance of the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Bob Clark, Road Commissioner discuss road projects with the Board and will work on a road plan to present to the Board of Selectmen at next meeting. He has been working on the Getchell Road but cannot find established road boundaries recorded anywhere. Cheryl will check with Rick Currier and find out if a simple letter could be drawn up to have all landowners along the Getchell Road sign to establish a boundary of 49 ½ feet (24.75 from center on each side of the road) so the road can be ditched, repaired and paved. The Highway Department will be ditching the Curtis Road, and the road will be dug up and rebuilt from the brook to the Ladner Road. Bob also informed the Board that he is still waiting on the truck that has been at Freightliner in Bangor since January. They are waiting on a part.

It was moved by Norm Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #14-#29. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norm Trask to approve the financial figures through June 6, 2024. Motion carried 4-0.

Reviewed letter form Senator Susan Collins informing the Town that the Easton Fire Station Project was selected as one of the projects she is supporting and submitting to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Reviewed, discussed and signed 2024-2025 County Tax Bill. County Tax Bill increased by \$138,700.13 from last year. With the 1/3 of the Special 6 Month Tax Bill in the amount of \$90,266.00, \$228,966.13 more will need to be raised for the County of Aroostook.

Moved by Norm Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to go into executive session. Motion carried 4-0. Moved by Norm Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to come out of executive session. Motion carried 4-0. Moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norm Trask to abate \$403.88, the equivalent of 2023 homestead exemption ($\$25,000 \times .016155$) and to removed lien fees from Account 230 Map 4 Lot 57E Condon 2023 taxes. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed request for monetary assistance from Francis Malcolm Science Center. No action taken.

It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norm Trask to approve Juneteeth as a holiday for Town of Easton employees starting in 2024. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed requests to put tax acquired property out to bids. Board of Selectmen decided to take no action until January 2025.

It was moved by Bruce Flewelling and seconded by Norm Trask to not take back Jack Hersey's lot that he had purchased from the town and wanted to deed back to the town. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and discussed email from Jay Kamm from NMDC regarding LD 2003 Compliance. As Easton does not have a zoning ordinance, we are LD 2003 compliant and need to do nothing.

It was moved by Bruce Flewelling and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to allow Adam Walton to construct 1 speculation home on his choice of lots 6, 7 or 8 and pay \$12,000 for the lot once the home is sold. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed complaints about 55 Perry Road 136 Fuller Road and decided to have Tony Levesque, our Code Enforcement Officer send letters of violation to owners Carol Francis, Sam Tompkins and Riqui Tompkins for unlicensed vehicles and public nuisance.

Reviewed and discussed email from Tim Roix of BRSA confirming that subdivision boundaries are correctly depicted on subdivision plan; tax map is a general reference for the lot size, location, owner, etc. and isn't used for conveyances.

Updated Board of Selectmen on progress of Park. Contractors lined up to construct two canopies and groundwork. Working on rocks for barriers and signs.

Informed Board of Selectmen of Steve DeMaio's request to fill vacancy on Planning Board. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Bruce Flewelling to appoint Jacob Flewelling to fill the Planning Board vacancy. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed Food Pantry entrance. As it would be very costly to change the steps into the pantry and they have appropriate rise and run, no action taken.

It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norm Trask to adjourn at 9:15 PM.