

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
15 JULY 2013
7:00 P.M.
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Bruce Flewelling, Mike Corey, Scott Allen, Doug Blackstone, Jim Gardner/Town Manager, Janice Lamb and Granville Lamb.

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting Granville Lamb introduced his wife Janice to the Board. Mr. Lamb proceeded in requesting to the Board that his church New Song Church was interested in the Methodist Church. He understood that the Town of Easton was in possession or about to obtain the church. Selectman Flewelling asked if Mr. Lamb's church had by-laws and a mission for his followers. Mr. Lamb stated that the New Song Church had a board that oversees the financial status of the church and also that the church follows the mission statement put forth by the church. Mr. Lamb stated that he was the pastor at the church and that his wife Janice was the assistant pastor. Chairman Dudley stated that Easton Board of Selectmen would seek the legal measures through the Town Attorney and get back with Mr. Lamb in the near future.

Easton Board of Selectmen voted 5-0 to take a recess at 7:30 and visit the church. Easton Board of Selectmen returned to the meeting at 7:55.

Motion was made by Selectmen Flewelling to approve the minutes of 10 June 2013 Easton Board of Selectmen regular meeting. Selectmen Corey seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #43 - #54. Selectmen Corey seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Dudley stated that he would like each article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting be voted on separately.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to approve sending Article 2 the appropriation of \$250,000 from the undesignated surplus account to reduce 2013 personal property and real estate taxes to the voters. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve sending Article 3 the appropriation not to exceed \$20,000 from the undesignated surplus account to update the Town of Easton Comprehensive plan. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve sending Article 4 the appropriation not to exceed \$45,000 from the UDAG Fund to renovate Town Own Property at 80 Center Road. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve sending Article 5 to approve expenditure of \$1,444.59 from the Historical Society designated fund for the relocation of the Historical Society to the Easton Little School. Selectmen Corey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve sending Article 6 the appropriation of \$100,000 from the undesignated surplus account to replace the bridge on Bridge Road. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Corey made the motion to set the Mil Rate for the 2013 Taxes at 16 mil with the understanding that article 2 of the special town meeting passes. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the financial figures through 11 July 2013. Selectmen Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed information from TRANE Inc on energy consumption. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Town Attorney on property located on the Station Road. So Noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed an e-mail from the Methodist Church on the release and acquisition process concerning the Methodist church in Easton. So noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that the cemetery committee would like permission to remove the trees at the old Perry property. Selectmen Corey made the motion to allow for the removal of trees at the old Perry property. Selectmen Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Jim Gardner stated that he was approach by Loren White to purchase the Town Owned property located at 114 Station Road. Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to sell the property at 114 Station Road for \$6,300. Selectmen Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Gardner stated to the Board of Selectmen that a piece of land locked property located adjacent to Sonny Condon's home and Sonny wanted to know if the Town would deed the Town Owned property to him. Selectmen Corey made the motion Quit claim deed the property to Sonny Condon for a dollar. Selectmen Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

During the Selectmen's agenda Selectmen Flewelling asked about the disrepair of the tennis courts, basketball court and baseball fields near the schools and there is any support in repairing the facilities. Town Manager Gardner said he would start looking at pricing over the next few months and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Flewelling made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 pm. Selectman Corey seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner
Town Manager