

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone and Cheryl Clark.
Guests: Greg White and Kyle White.

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

There was no public comment

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve the minutes of October 21, 2024, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting with one correction. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #57-#61. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the financial figures through November 6, 2024. Motion carried 4-0.

Met with Greg White, Fire Chief and Kyle White Assistance Fire Chief to discuss future fire station lot. Greg and Kyle had no concerns about the selected site location and would be involved in the location and orientation of the building on the lot.

Greg also updated the Board of Selectmen on the status of the fire truck ordered in 2021 as part of a 95/5% grant from FEMA. The truck should arrive early in 2025 but will not be equipped with additional features such as hoses, nozzles, and radios. These will be taken off the 1994 that is to be sold. An article will need to be added to the annual town meeting warrant to secure funds to have the truck fully equipped. Greg says he can commission the truck with the equipment from the 1994 truck, but it will not be first out until it is fully equipped. Information regarding FEMA grant for truck will be reviewed.

Reviewed and discussed Easton School Department's financial statement as of 10/31/2024.

Discussed Board of Selectmen meeting with School Board quarterly. Board of Selectmen will continue to meet with School Board yearly and Town Manager will meet with School Superintendent quarterly.

Discussed email request for contract with Tim Roix from BRSA for services for the fire station project. The Board of Selectmen would like to have the following information as well as a copy of the proposed contract for review:

- Is paving/parking part of the impervious surface?
- Have you received the results of the soil test?
- Regarding the Opinion of Probable Cost, could you expand on who is responsible for each component (example, general contractor or yourself) and what specific tasks are included in each category? Who would oversee General Administration and what would their specific responsibilities be? Would you be overseeing the project phase by phase?

- They also wondered if you could send an example of your contract for services. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Board of Selectmen agreed to put a contingency clause in the deed from Bruce Flewelling to the Town of Easton that, should his property not be used for a fire station site, ownership would revert back to him. So noted.

Discussed setting up the Hayden Family Scholarship as a Trust to protect the funds and discussed criteria for Easton students to receive the scholarship. Norman Trask volunteered to research this process and Cheryl will look for more information on the creation of the scholarship in 2007.

Reviewed 2025 Health Plan Increase. So noted.

Reviewed final Trane Invoice. So noted.

Reviewed chart reflecting value of health insurance as a rate per hour as requested by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller at October 21, 2024 meeting. So noted.

Manager's items:

Discussed Trey Brewer's request to receive Hayden Scholarship. Trey has been accepted to the Border Patrol and will enter the service on December 9, 2024. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Doug Blackstone to deny issuance of scholarship based on the fact that the student did not provide a transcript, bill and proof of enrollment in the third consecutive semester of college as required. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed agreement with Jim Shaw to sell lots in Village Acres Subdivision. Lots sold to Adam Bindar were not referred to Jim Shaw as agreed in minutes of July 8, 2019 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Board of Selectmen agreed that when Adam Bindar pays for the two lots (he has a promissory note with the Town to pay for lots when the houses he builds on the lots sell), the Town of Easton will send Jim Shaw the 6% he was entitled to from the sale. So noted.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 9:14 PM.