

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
16 JANUARY 2017  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

Public Hearing was open on Automobile graveyard permits for SABOT Salvage and D&L Salvage. Chairman Corey asked Town Manager Jim Gardner if the Town Office had received any complaints regarding either of the applications. Town Manager Gardner replied that the Town Office had received no comments for either application. Hearing no other comments the Public Hearing was closed.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Corey, Paul Dudley, Doug Blackstone, Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Raymond Kennedy and Travis Hussey.

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

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting Raymond Kennedy informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he would like to obtain an automobile graveyard permit for the current unlicensed automobile graveyard located on his premises located at 278 Station Road. Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that this was the same property that the Easton Board of Selectmen discussed in a previous meeting regarding the Easton Code Enforcement Officer had ordered Raymond Kennedy to cease operation of the current automobile graveyard until a permit was issued by the Town of Easton. After a brief discussion between the Easton Board of Selectmen and Raymond Kennedy it was decided that Raymond Kennedy would work with the Easton Code Enforcement Officer to insure that all State and Federal guidelines were met to achieve a permit. Chairman Corey informed Raymond Kennedy that the process of obtaining a permit would be secured before winter of 2017.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve minutes of the 12 December 2016 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #93 through #105. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign the Automobile Graveyard permits for both Travis Hussey d/b/a SABOT Salvage, 102 Houlton Road and Dana Cyr d/b/a D&L

Salvage, 41 Cleaves Road. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the Veteran Property Tax Exemption for Mr. Murray. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign the dispatch contract for Easton Fire Department with Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the financial figures through 6 January 2017. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2017/2018 Annual Municipal Budget. Town Manager Jim Gardner gave an overview of the budget going into detail of certain line items in each department. Selectmen Flewelling asked about warrant article request from the Highway Department? Town Manager Gardner stated that he would have all request and the amounts at the February 13, 2017 meeting with the final draft of the proposed annual budget. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen discussed the annual dump day program. Selectmen Dudley made the motion to install a sticker per resident program to identify Easton residents at the Dump Day program. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion failed 1-4.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed document from McCain Frozen Food concerning the successful job performed by the Easton Fire Department at a recent McCain plant fire. It was noted to draft a letter from the Easton Board of Selectmen congratulating Easton Fire Department for a fine job. So noted

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to go into executive Session for review of legal documents from Town Attorney at 9:29 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Selectmen Dudley made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Superior Court decision documents concerning the Amish Barns and the appeal granted to the Town of Easton. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed document from Governor LePaige. So noted



Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the list of newly acquired Town Owned property through tax foreclosure. Town Manager Jim Gardner was instructed to work with the taxpayers before putting property out for public bid process.

During the Town Manager's Report Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Easton Planning Board was ready to work with the newly adopted Easton Comprehensive plan and that he would bring their top 10 priorities to the Board of Selectmen once the Planning Board had completed their review of the first section of interest. Town Manager Jim Gardner stated that the Easton Budget Committee meeting was set for 22 February 2017 at the Odd Fellows building at 7:00 pm.

No Selectmen's items

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to adjourn at 10:20 pm. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he would be presenting his 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the 2017/2018 annual budget at the next regular schedule meeting. Town Manager Gardner went on to say that the final draft would be ready by 13 February 2017 and on to the Budget Committee by 22 February 2017.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Gardner, Town Manager