

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
8 MAY 2017  
6:30 PM  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Corey, Paul Dudley, Doug Blackstone, Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Greg Jackson, Sandy Flewelling, Dave Hopkins, Galen Flewelling, Mary Lee Keep, Roger Shaw, Kim Hall and Dave Lown-County Energy Solutions.

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Superintendent Roger Shaw gave a slide show of the 2017-2018 Proposed School Budget. Roger Shaw stated there would be a reduction in the local appropriation for the 2017-2018 School Budget. Superintendent Roger Shaw stated that he was looking for a verbal support from the Easton Board of Selectmen. Chairmen Corey stated that he didn't feel the Easton Board of Selectmen had the proper time to be able to voice an opinion at this point.

Dave Lown representing County Energy Solutions gave a presentation on Solar Power. Questions were asked by the Easton Board of Selectmen on various issues concerning the advantages and disadvantages of Solar Power and how it would benefit both the Town and the Easton School Department energy cost. Mr. Lown was very knowledgeable about the questions asked yet mention to the Easton Board of Selectmen that consumption numbers of kilowatts and other variables would have to ensure that data was done on each subject concerning electricity cost.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve minutes of the 10 April 2017 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #19 through #29. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to Financial Figures through 3 May 2017. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the request from Maine Department of Transportation on oversize MDOT trucks crossing Easton roads during construction on Route 1A. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the 2017 Hayden Family Scholarship applications submitted by the students at Easton High School. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve the appointments of Paul Dudley and Jim Gardner to the Northern Maine Development General Assembly. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to enter into a tax anticipate note loan from Machias Savings Bank for an amount up to \$990,000 for 9 months with a 1.29% fixed rate. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen review document from Maine Department of Labor Safety division on a recent inspection completed on the Easton Fire Department. So noted.

During the Town Manager's Report Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that construction would soon be starting on the sidewalk area in front of the village businesses. Town Manager Gardner also noted that the Maine Department of Conservation Land and Parks division visited Easton on 28 April 2017 and approved Easton application to move forward on the Prestile Stream Recreation Area and the Basketball and tennis court projects

During Selectmen Items Selectmen Dudley asked if we could collect some information on consumption of electricity involving both the Easton School Department and Town of Easton facilities so to move forward on the solar power venture.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to adjourn at 10:21 pm. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner  
Easton Town Manager