

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
26 NOVEMBER 2012
7:00 P.M.
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Paul Dudley, Bruce Flewelling, Doug Blackstone, Mike Corey, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner/Town Manager, Gretchen Morse and Dick Barker.

Chairman Dudley open the Public Hearing on the adoption of the new State of Maine General Assistance allowances for the 2012-2013 year. Hearing no public comment the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Chairman Dudley presented an award to Cheryl Clark for her recent achievement of obtaining State of Maine Clerk Certification.

During the Public Comment segment of the meeting Gretchen Morse from Edward Jones Financial informed the Board of Selectmen on new offerings that her company wanted the Easton Board of Selectmen to view. Next to speak was Dick Barker who resides on the Houlton Road. Mr. Barker was very concerned with the animal manure that was being left on the side of the right of way and the viewing nuisance that the manure brings. Manager Gardner informed the board that a petition has been initiated by another Easton resident concerning the horse manure being deposited in the right of way. Manager Gardner informed Mr. Barker that the petition would have to cover all animals' not just horses. Easton Board of Selectmen also mentioned that any ordinance would have to come with a full-time Code Enforcement Officer to police the new ordinance. Mr. Barker stated that he would speak with the resident circulating the petition.

Motion was made by Selectman Corey to approve the minutes of 22 October 2012 Easton Board of Selectmen regular meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #79-#91. Selectmen Flewelling seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Corey made the motion to approve and sign State of Maine General Assistance Ordinance for 2012-2013. Selectman Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve and sign tax abatement for Bottle Group LLC. Selectman Flewelling seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flewelling made the motion to approve the request from Cathy and Walter Osgood concerning their property located on the Bangor Road. Selectman Corey seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 19 November 2012. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letter from Maine Revenue Services concerning sales ratio. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning utility pole maintenance from Fair Point Communications. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Katahdin Trust Company listing current interest rates. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning land purchase on Perry Drive. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed information on recycling efforts that were completed during Easton Clean-up Day. So noted.

Manager Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that Brent Flewelling was interested in the equipment that was recently put out to bid from Easton Highway Department. Manager Gardner informed the Board of Selectmen that no bids were received on the equipment. Selectmen Corey made the motion to let the Town Manager deal with Brent Flewelling on selling the used equipment. Selectmen Allen seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectman Flewelling made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Selectman Blackstone seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Gardner
Town Manager