

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
9 APRIL 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

No public comment

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve minutes of the 13 March 2018 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #8 & #15. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve awarding the 2018 Tax Anticipated Note to Machias. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign the annual appointments as presented. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to sign the Tax Abatement request for Doug Blackstone. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1 Selectmen Blackstone abstained.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to accept the resignation of Sandy Flewelling from the Easton School Board and to begin proceedings of filling the position in June 2018. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen review documents concerning tax assessments at McCain Foods USA. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning school funding. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Preliminary 2019 State Valuation. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning Aroostook County Jail funding issues. So Noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning the Bowers Road and the proposed work that will be done this summer to extend the turn-around for winter maintenance. So noted.

Town Manager Jim Gardner informed Easton Board of Selectmen that the vacancy created with the resignation of a school board member will require the following dates to be observed in filling the vacancy; 18 April 2018 Nomination papers may be taken out, 11 May 2018 Nomination papers are to be returned, 16 May 2018 Absentee Ballots will be mailed out and 12 June 2018 will be the day of voting.

Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that there was a concern by Dennis Fay that the Tractor Excise tax program was not being recognized by everyone in Town. Easton Board of Selectmen asked Town Manager Gardner to gather information concerning Tractor Excise Tax and bring that information to the May 2018 meeting.

Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Town employees would like to switch Patriots Day (2nd Monday of April each year) for the Friday following Thanksgiving Day Each year. Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the request and to update the Employee Personnel Policy to reflect the change. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

During Selectmen Items Selectmen Dudley made the motion to appoint Mike Corey as the Chairman of Easton Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Mike Corey abstaining. Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to appoint Bruce Flewelling as Vice Chairman of Easton Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Selectmen Flewelling abstained

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to adjourn at 10:25 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager