

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
VIA FREECONFERENCECALL.COM
9 APRIL 2020
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

1. Chairman Corey called meeting to order and asked for a roll call of members present. Bruce Flewelling-here, Paul Dudley-here, Scott Allen-here, Doug Blackstone-here, Jim Gardner, Town Manager-here and Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk-here. Chairman Corey asked if everyone could hear each other. All answered affirmative.
2. Under Public Comment, Town Manager Gardner said that he received a letter from a concerned citizen but put it down as agenda item #9.
3. Selectman Flewelling made the motion to approve the minutes of 17 February 2020 regular meeting and 2 March 2020 Special meeting. Selectman Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Selectman Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants 1-16. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Selectman Dudley made the motion to sign the Purchase/Sale Agreement with Emera Maine for Map 18, Lot 31A with the stipulation that Emera provide a statement that the site will only be used for a mobile power supply and no permanent structure will be built on the property. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Selectman Blackstone made the motion to accept the Tax Anticipated Note bid from Machias Savings Bank with an interest rate of 1.99% and to have Jim Gardner, Town Manager sign all documents. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Selectman Flewelling made the motion to appoint Kathy Larsen as Animal Control Officer. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Selectman Dudley made the motion to have the Code Enforcement Officer send a letter to Edgar Eldredge, property owner of 149 Center Road, notifying him that the Easton Board of Selectmen will be considering a recommendation from the Code Enforcement Officer to declare the structure a "Dangerous Building" and to give the property owner the opportunity to respond with a plan to make the building safe. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Lorraine and Roger Wilcox concerning lack of child care services in Easton. So noted.

10. During the Manager's Report, Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Assessors that, through their attorney, McCain Foods USA, Inc. wanted to extend their April 1, 2020 706-A request.

Selectman Blackstone made the motion to extend McCain Foods USA, Inc. April 1, 2020 706-A request until 31 May, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Selectman Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Dudley made the motion to delegate Chairman Mike Corey to sign the April 1, 2019 706-A request relating to McCain Foods USA, Inc's tax abatement application. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1, Chairman Corey abstained.

Town Manager Gardner stated that Richard Henderson would like to serve on the Easton School Budget Committee. Selectman Dudley made the motion to appoint Richard Henderson to the Easton School Budget Committee. Selectman Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the FOAA request from Chris Green of Mechanical Services has been finalized and sent to Chris Green thanks to the efforts of Selectman Allen.

Town Manager Gardner gave an update to what town government has been doing during the COVID-19 outbreak. This includes: weekly conference calls with State of Maine agencies; local agencies, and county government; Town Office servicing residents through phone calls, emails and regular mail; Hillary Hallett and Cheryl Clark working of grant applications for the Prestile Community Park; Highway patching, working on equipment and mapping out projects for the upcoming construction season; and finally, Hillary has been performing recreation activities through the internet and checking on the senior citizens.

There were no Selectmen items.

Selectman Allen made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.