

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
6 JULY 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Bruce Flewelling, Cheryl Clark Town Clerk, Jim Gardner Town Manager, School Board members; Dave Hopkins, Mary Lee Keep, Jeff Clark, Tom Osgood and Jen Morin, Past School Superintendent Roger Shaw, School Superintendent Mark Stanley and School employee Kim Hall

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

No public comment

Chairman Corey stated that he would move agenda item #5 up so that the Easton School Board could present the proposed 2020/2021 Easton School Department Budget.

Superintendent Shaw presented the 2020/2021 Easton School Department Budget and indicated to the Easton Board of Selectmen that there would be an overall increase in the school budget of \$47,458 from the 2019/2020 Easton School Budget. After a series of discussions involving different pieces of the budget were discussed between the Easton Board of Selectmen and the Easton School Department Board members, Chairman Corey thanked Easton School Board members and school staff for their presentation.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant for 2020/2021 Easton School Department Budget. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the minutes of 1 June 2020 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #32-#41. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the appoint Rick Henderson to the Easton Planning Board. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve the Ballot Clerks as presented for the upcoming primaries/municipal voting on 14 July 2020. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 29 June 2020. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the sale of Map 18 Lot 31A to EMERA only if EMERA accepts the "as is" clause in the sale. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Easton Board of Selectmen was informed that Easton Town Government is entering phase III of the Re-opening Plan under State of Maine Guidelines as prescribe by Governor's Executive Order concerning the Coronavirus. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documentation illustrating Voting Poll locations in both the Odd Fellows Hall and the Easton Elementary School Gymnasium in accordance with the State of Maine Coronavirus Prevention Checklist. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Recreation Director's letter to all residence concerning the summer program and steps that need to be addressed in following State of Maine Guidelines concerning the Coronavirus. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Recreation Department Summer Program. So noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he would like to use \$6,000 from the General Assistance Designated Fund Balance to assist in the installation of 3 septic systems being installed along the Prestile Stream. Town Manager Gardner also asked the Easton Board of Selectmen if the three recipients could finance the remainder of the monies they owe to complete the septic system project through the UDAG Funds and payback the funds with no interest charged.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to allocate \$6,000 from the General Assistance Designated Fund Balance to remediate the septic issues affecting the Prestile Stream and allow the three recipients the ability to finance the remaining balance on each septic system through the UDAG Fund. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Town Manager Gardner indicated to the Board of Selectmen that back in 2017 the Town was going to sell a piece of Town own property located on the Station Road to Travis

Argraves but due to problems with the prior owners who still believed they had rights to the lot the Town of Easton had to wait until 2020 under law to sell the property. Town Manager Gardner asked if he could sell the property as proposed in 2017 to Travis Argraves for \$7,000.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to sell Town owned property at 145 station Road to Travis Argraves for \$7,000. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that a hearing date should be set for the dangerous buildings problems on Station Road. Also that same property has a mobile home setting on Town own property.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to set a hearing up to address the dangerous building on Station Road and have our attorney send a letter to the owner of the mobile home and have the mobile home moved off from Town own property. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Town Manager Gardner stated that the road improvement work for this summer had been put out to bid. The road improvements were going to take place on the Bowers Road, Henderson Road and Bangor Road. Town Manager Gardner indicated that he anticipated having all data in to support setting the annual mil rate for property taxes by the 1st of August. Gardner also informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Cemeteries in Easton would be contracted out for the remainder of the mowing season.

There were no Selectmen's items.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager