

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
16 NOVEMBER 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 pm

During the public comment Granville Lamb, Pastor of the New Song Church, ask the Easton Board of Selectmen if they would consider releasing the original deed that was executed between the Town of Easton and the New Song Church. Pastor Lamb explained that the Church has put a considerable amount of money into the building and grounds and under the current deed they would release all back to the Town of Easton for \$1 if the church was to move to another location. Pastor Lamb stated that they had no intentions of moving but he did not want to tie up future Pastor's or church members from their endeavors. Pastor Lamb stated that the building would also give the Church more collateral if seeking loans and also grant funding. After much discussion between Pastor Lamb and the Easton Board of Selectmen, the Easton Board of Selectmen stated that they would discuss the matter further and notify Pastor Lamb of their decision.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the minutes of 13 October 2020 Regular/Public Hearing Meeting. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #72-#82. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve financial figures through 12 November 2020. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the Abatement Application for Harvey Miller in the amount of \$1,328.22. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the letter that the Prestile Park Committee would like to send out to businesses and individuals concerning possible donations/sponsorship. Town Manager Gardner asked the Easton Board of Selectmen if the Prestile Park Committee

could borrow \$5,000 from the UDAG account to purchase architectural drawings required for the grant from the State of Maine. Selectmen Allen made the motion to loan the Prestile Park Committee \$5,000 to purchase architectural drawings from the UDAG Fund account. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed proposed 2021 County of Aroostook Budget. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Planning Board proposed Land Use Ordinance. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the Easton Recreation Department schedule. So noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that he would like to give a turkey to each employee for Thanksgiving. Easton Board of Selectmen had no problem with each employee receiving a turkey for Thanksgiving. Town Manager Gardner inform the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Town Office and all departments will be closed the 26 & 27 November 2020. Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he has initiated the 2021/2022 Municipal Budget and will keep the Easton Board of Selectmen updated through-out the process. Town Manager Gardner stated that the new highway department pick-up was in and the old pick-up would be turned over to the grounds maintenance individual. The old pick-up needs a plow and Town Manager Gardner would like to take the \$4,500 price tag for the plow from the Grange Apartments account. Selectmen Dudley made the motion to take \$4,500 from the Grange Apartments account to pay for the plow. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Town Manager Gardner stated that an insurance company inspector had just visited the Town Office and found the compressor use for the fire trucks was at the end of its life expectancy. The inspector stated that the compressor had to be changed immediately and the Town took appropriate action to replace the old compressor with a new one. Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he continues to look at the possible sale of the Grange Apartments and has discovered that the apartment building was given to the Town of Easton by Doug & Rita Henderson for \$1. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would continue looking into others details about the apartments.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager