

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
14 SEPTEMBER 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Bruce Flewelling, Paul Dudley, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Cheryl Clark Town Clerk, Greg White-Fire Chief, Kyle White-Asst. Fire Chief, Bob Clark-Highway Foreman and Hillary Hallett-Recreation Director

Chairman Corey open the Public Hearing for Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit at 7:00 pm for Travis Hussey d/b/a S.A.B.O.T., 102 Houlton Road and asked if there were any comments or concerns, hearing none, Chairman Corey moved to the next permit application. Chairman Corey asked if there were any comments or concerns for Dana Cyr d/b/a D&L Salvage, 41 Cleaves Road, hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 pm

No public comment

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the minutes of 17 August 2020 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #56-#62. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 10 September 2020. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Travis Hussey d/b/a S.A.B.O.T., 102 Houlton Road. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit for Dana Cyr d/b/a D&L Salvage, 41 Cleaves Road. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to deny the Application for Maine Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Daniel Ells as the veteran did not meet the requirements of MRSA 36 sub-section 653(F). Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to initiate a public hearing for a petition liquor question that will be placed on the November 2020 ballot for Easton residents and schedule the meeting for 19 October 2020 at 7:00 pm with the location being the Easton Elementary Gymnasium. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen met with the Department heads from Highway, Fire, and Recreation Department as well as General Government to give the Easton Board of Selectmen an outlook as to where their respective departments set as far as equipment within their departments. After a lengthy discussion with all departments the Easton Board of Selectmen stated that they would look at some resources to get some money to replace some of the older equipment.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he would like the Easton Board of Selectmen to consider selling the Grange Apartments. Town Manager Gardner stated that the apartments were an affordable housing project years ago and he believes that we could sell the Grange Apartments and invest the money into a new housing project called Village Acres. Town Manager Gardner stated that Grange Apartments was not currently keeping up with expenditures needed to manage the facility and that no taxpayer's money was involved in operation cost for the apartments. Gardner also stated that there was no money from the rentals that help lower the cost of annual property taxes. Easton Board of Selectmen stated that Town Manager Gardner should look into how much the apartment would sell for on the market. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would look into the matter in more detail and bring the idea back to the Easton Board of Selectmen.

There were no Selectmen items.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager