

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
21 MARCH 2022
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Norm Trask (via telephone conference call), Doug Blackstone and Jim Gardner Town Manager

Chairman Flewelling called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm

No Public Comment.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of 14 February 2022 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #1- #10. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the financial figures through 15 February 2022. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign the updated 2022 Town Warrant to include the use of American Rescue Plan Act allocations from the federal government and also \$11,000 from the newly formed Economic Development Designated fund. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to sign the 2022 Aroostook County Tax Bill. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign the Proclamation signifying May 2022 Aroostook County Action Program month. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to sign the corrected Quit Claim Deed for Darren and Katie Carlisle. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller moved that the Order entitled "Order to authorize \$2,967,312 Loan Agreement and Issuance of Bonds to Replace the Heating and Ventilation Systems at Easton Elementary School and Easton Jr./Sr. High School and to Convert the Systems from

Steam to Hot Water” be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Order be included with the minutes of this meeting. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign the utility easements for Versant Power. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign the 3-year contract with James P. Gardner Jr. to perform the services as Town Manager, contract beginning 15 April 2022 and ending on 15 April 2025. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to appoint Cathy Gundy, Cody Humphrey and Elise Perrault to the Easton School Budget Committee. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning the sale of 79 Center Road, which will be auctioned off in Portland in late April 2022. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the 2021-2022 Municipal Audit. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen view a number of policies of which some were adopted and some that were new policies. After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Easton Board of Selectmen to table the item until the April 2022 annual appointments.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed an email that discussed the difference of a referendum versus Town Meeting voting process. So, noted

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to replace the wiring for the Fire Department radio Antenna with funds coming from the Unexpected Expenses designated fund. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed correspondence from Maine Department of Transportation regarding shared services on road projects. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed March and April 2022 Easton Recreation Programs documents and commented on how the Easton Board of Selectmen enjoyed the splitting of program brochures. So, noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that today he received the bid for the upcoming Tax Anticipated note with Machias Savings Bank coming in at 1.89% and recommended that the Easton Board of Selectmen accept the rate.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to accept the Tax Anticipate Note interest rate of 1.89% from Macias Savings Bank be accepted for 2022 bank note. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Gardner also stated that the Fire Chief wanted to put the 1991 Fire Department pick-up truck out for bid with a minimum of \$500.00.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to put the 1991 Chevrolet Pick-up truck out to bid with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

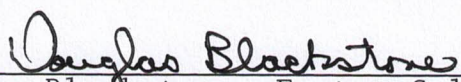
Town Manager Gardner stated that there was interest in 145 Station Road which is a Town Owned property lot and he would be working with the developer in the coming weeks. Town Manager Gardner stated that the respected buyer for the Grange Apartments would like to rent out Apartment #6 on 1 April 2022 and asked if that would be ok with the Easton Board of Selectmen. Easton Board of Selectmen that the individual would rent from the Town of Easton until the Grange Apartment sale was completed.

No Selectmen Items

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager

I, Douglas Blackstone, Selectman for the Town of Easton, confirm that James P. Gardner, Jr, Easton Town Manager is the authorized signer for the Town of Easton for the Tax Anticipated note with Machias Savings Bank.



Douglas Blackstone, Easton Selectman