

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
12 DECEMBER 2022
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Jim Gardner Town Manager

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

No Public Comment.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of 17 November 2022 Regular Meeting with the correction indicating the presents of Bruce Flewelling being added to those who were present at Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #83- #90. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve the financial figures through 8 December 2022. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letter from Machias Savings bank indicating the payoff of the Tax Anticipated Note. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed information packet from the Aroostook County Action Program. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the EMS Dispatching contract with the City of Presque Isle. So, noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that Mike Pelkey had been hired as the new Highway employee. With the resignation of Troy Finnemore this leaves still a vacancy in Highway. Town Manager Gardner said that he was going to raise the per hour wage for the highway driver/laborer to \$20.00 per hour. Town Manager Gardner also stated that he was going to build a team of part-time individuals until the 3rd full-time position s filled. Town Manager Gardner stated that residents on Perry Drive are complaining about the appearance of 55 Perry Drive.

Town Manager Gardner stated that he would have the Code Enforcement Officer visit the property and move forward on any legal action needed to clean-up the property. Town Manager Gardner stated that Jim Brown the owner of property on Station Road which engulfs the Prestile Community Park is looking to swap land that is currently under a long-term lease, for any other Town Owned Property of equal value. After a short discussion Town Manager Gardner stated he would work with Jim Brown on the request. Town Manager Gardner informed Bruce Flewelling and Scott Allen that they were up for election and that the paperwork to run for the Board of Selectmen is available, so please talk with the Town Clerk. Town Manager Gardner asked the Easton Board of Selectmen to inform David Hopkins, Chairman of the Easton School, to stop calling certain Selectmen with questions that can be easily answered by the Town Office. Mr. Hopkins way of doing business is not in compliance with Town Meeting/Town Manager/Board of Selectmen form of government.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager