

**TOWN OF EASTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
6:30 PM  
EASTON TOWN OFFICE  
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Cheryl Clark. Guests: Richard Lyons, Superintendent; Penney Siddiqui, School Committee Chair; Jason Parent, ACAP Chief Executive Officer; Maeghan Swanson, ACAP; Peggy Arnett, ACAP; Mike Clark, Branch Manager of Minuteman Security and Life Safety, Darren Carlisle, Carlisle Electric, Tom Hale, FFA advisor; Kevin Marquis, FFA advisor; Peyton Hallett, FFA member; and Hillary Hallett, Recreation Director

1. Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. Public Comment:
  - a. Peyton Hallett recited the FFA creed and answered three prepared questions in preparation for the FFA National Convention.
  - b. Discussed alarm system at elementary school. Mike Clark from Minuteman inspected the currently used system which is the original from when the school building was built in 1969 and will supply a written report once it is completed. The system did not pass inspection; batteries failed, and panels would not latch into alarm. Using prints of the school's layout, he developed a new system that would address the need for ACAP to become licensed. He spoke to Greg Day, State Fire Marshall, and was assured by Greg that with a commitment by the school/town to make the appropriate update to the ACAP section of the school, his department would allow an extension for the upgrade to the rest of the school building. Mike stated Minuteman could, for the ACAP project, install a stand-alone system with a panel with the ability to provide for the entire school that could be integrated to the system installed for the rest of the school at a later date. Mike provided quotes of \$44,187.58 for the two rooms to be used by ACAP Childcare and \$250,141.87 for the entire elementary school building. The proposed alarm system would meet all of the newest fire code requirements, including voice evacuation. Because of the classroom sizes, 2 smoke detectors would be required in each room. After discussion about the ACAP requirements for the hallway and other classrooms, Bruce Flewelling asked if it would be logistically better to do the whole wing. General consensus is yes. Mike also stated that Chris Green of Mechanical Services offered to loan the school department money to complete the project at 4% interest and a contract with Mechanical Services to provide maintenance and repairs to the alarm system for 5 years. Discussed funding options.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to take, not to exceed \$75,000, from the UDAG fund to upgrade the fire alarm system in the entire wing of the elementary school that includes the classrooms and hallway to be used by ACAP and to pay the UDAG fund back with a warrant article on the town's fiscal year 2027-2028 budget warrant.

3. Reviewed and discussed letter from Jim Gardner regarding paving the Mahany Road. No action taken.
4. Reviewed information regarding scope of work, bids and award for Gray Road repair and paving as well as the 10-year road plan created in 2019. So noted.

5. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
6. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign the Treasurer's warrants #39-43. Motion carried 5-0.
7. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the financial figures through September 5, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
8. There was no Easton School Department's financial statement as of 8/31/2025 provided for review.
9. Reviewed and discussed Supplemental Tax Certificate for Khasen Lowe. Property was previously owned by the Town and exempt, and the exemption was not removed after sale of the lot in March 2025 and taxes were omitted from August 18, 2025, tax commitment. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign the Supplement Tax Certificate for Khasen Lowe and to send a tax bill for \$307.45. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Reviewed and discussed Supplemental Tax Certificate for Nichole Dudley and Trevor MacDougal. Property was previously owned by the Town and exempt, and the exemption was not removed after sale of the lot in March 2025 and taxes were omitted from August 18, 2025, tax commitment. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign the Supplement Tax Certificate for Nichole Dudley and Trevor MacDougal and to send a tax bill for \$307.45. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Reviewed and discussed abatement request from Stephen and Rhonda Mills. They were taxed for 4 sheds instead of two. It was moved by Bruce Flewelling and seconded by Scott Allen to approve and sign the tax abatement request of Stephen and Rhonda Mills in the amount of \$86.00. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Reviewed and discussed abatement request from Ryan and Morgan Bugbee. They had applied for the Homestead Exemption by April 1, 2025, but they did not receive the exemption. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign the tax abatement request of Ryan and Morgan Bugbee in the amount of \$537.50. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Reviewed and discussed abatement request from Garth and Lori Gilman. They had requested an interior inspection, but the assessor did not perform the inspection, and they feel the value is too high. Town Manager will request Garnett Robinson of Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services perform an interior inspection and provide an opinion on fair assessed value of the property. Abatement request will be readdressed at next Select Board meeting with Garnett's findings.
14. Updated the Select Board on correspondence with Dave Moyses of Moyses Engineering. Dave will do a formal resource mapping of this entire site and look at soils for septic options at the same time so the Town can work with Tim and make an informed decision. He requested any information that could be gathered for info on the existing septic system(s) on the site. Cheryl was able to provide a plan from 1992 and Dave said: "The 1992 stone septic field is adequate at 180 GPD flow for what you would need for the fire station, even with a shower stall...so perhaps we can still use that to start if the building, etc. fits...just put in new tank. Replace the field at some point if ever needed...we can find a spot to keep in reserve for that purpose. But could be a savings for sure to start if all fits on the site? Tim will get us what he may have for a CAD based plan for us to overlay our findings onto and we will get this done as soon as we are up that way...likely within the next month." So noted.

15. Discussed request from Hayden Beaulier who is attending a 9-month certification course for welding at NMCC and to indicate that the Hayden Family Scholarship funds be used for tools when awarded at the beginning of the second semester, and not be applied to housing. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve Hayden Beaulier's request that the Hayden Family Scholarship funds to be awarded at the beginning of his second semester be used for the purchase of tools and not be applied to housing. Motion carried 4-0 with Tammy Beaulier-Fuller abstaining.
16. Reviewed letter from Penney Siddiqui, Chair of Easton School Committee regarding co-principal model for 2025-2026 school year. So noted.
17. Update on Community Childcare Project at Elementary School. Update and action taken included in agenda items 2, section b.
18. Manager's items:
  - Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025. So noted.
  - Discussed and agreed to award John Trask with the oldest veteran award. A ceremony will be scheduled to award a mini sword letter opener and desk stand to Mr. Trask.
  - Discussed balance of \$4,626.39 in the special school heating system checking account. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to be used the \$4,626.39 balance to reduce the payment due to the Maine Bond Bank on October 1, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
19. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Scott Allen to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried. 5-0.