

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

1. Chairman Bruce Flewelling called Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Superintendent Richard Lyons and School Committee Member Andrew King attended to discuss the Easton School Department's application for the School Revolving Renovation Fund. The grant application was for a total of \$3,914,960.20 and included the following three projects:
 - \$1,994,756.00 is to replace the current fire alarm system and install a sprinkler system in the elementary school building
 - \$1,404,233.00 is to replace the current fire alarm system and install a sprinkler system in the jr/sr high school building
 - \$515,971.20 is to remove and replace bleachers, gym floor, double doors, doorway rafters, equipment room doors and stairs to the stage as well as to install a chair lift and enlarge the door opening at the jr/sr high school to make the space ADA compliant.

If the grant is awarded, a minimum of 30% of the project cost would be forgiven with that percentage possibly increase depending on how many in the applicant pool (total grant funds available of \$17,000,000) are awarded and accepted. The balance of project costs due from the School Department/Town of Easton could be paid back in 5 or 10 years with 0% interest. Mr. Lyons confirmed that, should the total grant application be accepted, the voters at town meeting could approve specific subsets should they choose. Additional questions: Can we split the timing and expend according to individual projects? And what would those deadlines be?

Also discussed ACAP Child Care Center. Cheryl and Rick Lyons spoke to Scott Cyr and Greg Day of the State Fire Marshall's Office and were told that the SFMO had written a letter to Greg White, Fire Chief in 2022 advising the Easton School Department to replace the antiquated alarm system as it was not up to code. In light of this information, the Superintendent will discuss sending a letter of commitment, signed by both the town and the school, to the SFMO with the School Committee. The Town Manager will prepare a letter for review.

4. Tim Roix presented on his findings in researching the Zach Clark lot for a potential fire station site. He did not have any thing negative to report and considered this lot to be best option, pending any information obtained in a wetland delineation and geology test, which he will have completed in the next few weeks. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Zachary and Megan Clark for the asking price of \$60,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Simon Thorne from Fidium presented on their recently completed project and on any future plans to provide fiber optic internet to the Town of Easton:
 - This company is basically running 2 networks currently. Once Fidium covers all areas, Consolidated Communications (copper wiring which corrodes) will be decommissioned.
 - Simon apologized for the lack of communication regarding the project and explained that this project is the result of a federal grant that required Fidium to provide unserved areas.
 - The current project is done and includes the south and northeast sections of Easton. Fidium has applied for more federal money to come back and serve the rest of Easton.
 - Fiber optic is symmetrical, not a shared network. Spectrum is a shared network.
 - Fiber optics do not require power. Fiber optics are non-conductive, basically a piece of glass.
 - There is currently no installation fee, and plans offer 100/300/1GB/2GB with no contract. Described connection as plug and play.
6. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve minutes of the October 20, 2025, Regular Board of Selectmen/Junkyard, Automobile Graveyard Public Hearing/General Assistance Appendices A through H replacement Public Hearing. Motion carried 5-0.
7. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #56-60. Motion carried 5-0.
8. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to approve financial figures through November 6, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Reviewed Easton School Department 10/30/2025 Financials. So noted.
10. It was moved by Douglas Blackstone and seconded by Scott Allen to approve and sign abatement request from Mon Ami Partners ME, LLC. Motion carried 5-0.
11. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign the following appointments:
 - Taylor Burt as Animal Control Officer
 - Brandon Saucier as Alternate Local Plumbing Inspector
 - Brandon Saucier as Alternate Code Enforcement OfficerMotion carried 5-0.
12. Reviewed Hazard Survey Report Summary from MMA WC inspection on 10/20/2025. Town Manager updated the Selectmen on progress. So noted.
13. Manager's item's
 - i) Christmas party will be at the Odd Fellows' Hall on December 2nd. (NOTE: DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 15TH.)
 - ii) Cheryl reminded the board of the Veteran's ceremony at the school on Wednesday, November 12 at 9:00 AM to award John Trask the military sword as oldest veteran.
14. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion carried 5-0.