

**TOWN OF EASTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026  
6:30 PM  
EASTON TOWN OFFICE  
MINUTES**

Attendance: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Norman Trask and Cheryl Clark.

1. Chairman Bruce Flewelling called Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to approve minutes of the February 9, 2026, Regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
4. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #79-85. Motion carried 5-0.
5. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve financial figures through March 4, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Reviewed Easton School Department 2/28/2026 Financials. So noted.
7. Reviewed and discussed proposed Special Town Meeting Warrant for Elementary School Alarm System upgrade, amortization schedule and term sheet. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to add the article to the May 4, 2026, Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Motion carried 5-0. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to proceed with confirmed bid of \$250,982.97 from Minuteman dated September 2025 and the Term Note for \$260,000 with an interest rate of 4.90% provided by Machias Savings Bank to be presented in the article at May 4, 2026 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Reviewed and discussed proposal for TAN's from Machias Savings Bank and Katahdin Trust Company. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Doug Blackstone to accept the Tax Anticipated Note with Machias Savings Bank at 4.89% Fixed Rate for an amount up to but not to exceed \$990,000 effective July 1, 2026, all documents will be executed by Cheryl Clark, Town Manager. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Reviewed and discussed proposed budget.
  - a. COLA of 3% approved for all employees and additional 7% increase for Town Manager. Health insurance plan paid at 100% from employee and family changed from Baxter Plan to Katahdin Plan through Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust effective July 1, 2026. Employees may elect to keep current Baxter Plan and pay the difference.
  - b. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller not to add requested \$500.00 from Sweetser Mental Health to the proposed budget and warrant. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to add requested \$660.00 from LifeFlight of Maine to the proposed budget and warrant. Motion carried 5-0.
  - d. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Scott Allen not to add requested \$100.00 from Team Hailey Hugs of Maine to the proposed budget and warrant. Motion carried 5-0.
  - e. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to add requested \$200.00 from Aroostook Council for Healthy Families to the proposed budget and warrant. Motion carried 5-0.
  - f. Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday April 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
10. Reviewed and discussed contract with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services (Garnet Robinson) to provide all assessing services except for industrial properties including tasks previously performed by the Town Clerk/Town Manager. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to sign contract. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Reviewed and discussed letter submitted by Bryan Lawrence on behalf of the Little School Restoration Committee. The Committee is requesting the Little School Restoration Project and the Historical Society's appropriations be increased by \$500 each for this year only. They are also requesting a loan of up to \$5,000 from UDAG funds to be repaid for over five years at \$1,000 per year if they fall short of covering the cost of re-shingling the roof of the Little School. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to increase the appropriations by \$500.00 for one year only and to postpone the decision on the UDAG loan until it is established that the loan is necessary. Motion carried 4-1.
12. Discussed updating the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and the requirement for it to be updated every 10 years. Select Board determined the update to be beneficial to the town for future funding requests and elected to go forward with raising \$7,500 as projected 30% project cost for NMDC to provide significant assistance with this update.
13. Updated Select Board on modification requested by the proposed fire station design. Town Manager will begin working on required HUD applications and assurances in the next couple of weeks.
14. Select Board discussed applying for a short-term loan for the new proposed fire station for the potential costs above the federally approved funds of \$3,600,000. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to accept Machias Savings Bank offer to extend the current \$500,000 line of credit due to expire in April 2026 by four months, or through August 2026 to allow time to establish the amount ultimately required above and beyond the \$3,600,000 federal approved T-HUD funds. All documents to be executed by Cheryl Clark, Town Manager. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Reviewed Notification of Terms and Conditions for Repair and Maintenance of Private Lines from Versant Power (1 pole at park). It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to decline automatic repair or replacement. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Reviewed and discussed quotes for purchasing and installing cluster mailboxes at Village Acres Subdivision. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and

- seconded by Scott Allen to purchase the proposed 8 Door Cluster Mailbox CBU with 4 parcel lockers from BudgetMailboxes (current online price of \$2,505.00) and accept quote from Chuck Halvorson for \$880.00 to install concrete pad and to take the money from the Town Owned Property Fund. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Discussed Mitchell Blodget's request to purchase lot 1 at Village Acres Subdivision to be used as an Airbnb. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to notify Mitchell Blodget that an Airbnb would be considered commercial use and is not allowed. Motion carried 5-0.
18. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to enter into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss a personnel matter as per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Motion carried 5-0. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Doug Blackstone to come out of executive session at 9:10 PM. Motion carried 5-0.
19. Manager's item's
- i) Town Manager relayed to the Select Board that David Barker, nephew of Richard Barker who passed away recently, indicated that Richard Barker left \$20,000 to the Town of Easton to establish a scholarship in his name. So noted.
20. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier -Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 9:25 PM. Motion carried 5-0.