

**TOWN OF EASTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
6:30 PM  
EASTON TOWN OFFICE  
MINUTES**

Attendance: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Norman Trask and Cheryl Clark. Guests: David McCrea, candidate for House Representative for District 3 and Bob Clark, Highway Foreman/Road Commissioner.

1. Chairman Bruce Flewelling called Easton Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Public comment.
  - a. Bryan Fuller has requested school signage on Fuller Road to slow traffic down going by the Amish school located on Forest Avenue. Bob Clark, Highway Foreman/Road Commissioner will place a sign on each road and will move the 40 MPH speed limit sign to make room.
3. Bob Clark, Highway Foreman/Road Commissioner attended to report to the Select Board on road projects planned for this summer. One half mile of Mahany Road, from Fling Brook culvert east up the hill will be reconstructed. Beyond the end of the proposed construction project is a large “pond” in the road that the highway department will fill and repair as best they can until that part of the road can be repaired next year. As this project is more than 200 ft, an engineering stamp will be required. Bob has met with Tim Roix of BR Smith Associates, who will provide the plans. Bob also indicated that ditching will be done on Cleaves Road and Gray Road. The group discussed just paving the Getchell Road as opposed to repairing the road but after some discussion it was established there would not be enough money left over from the Mahany Road project to do the Getchell Road paving.
4. Additions to Agenda: Wil St. Peter of McCain Foods has requested the Easton Fire Department provide assistance with confined space emergency response. This would involve initial and annual training and specific equipment as well as providing confined space monitoring to McCain’s employees on site. Annual cost of \$5,000 and one time purchase of \$25,000 in gear would be paid for by McCain Foods. A confined space task is performed roughly 30 times per year, and an hourly rate would need to be agreed upon for people and equipment while on site to be paid to the Town by McCain Foods. Select Board has some questions about time commitment and size and storage of proposed equipment and has requested Wil St. Peter attend their next meeting, May 11.
5. It was moved by Norm Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve minutes of the March 9, 2026, Regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
6. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve and sign treasurer’s warrants #86-92. Motion carried 5-0.
7. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to approve financial figures through April 7, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Reviewed Easton School Department 3/31/2026 Financials. So noted.

9. Review proposed fire station site plan provided by BRSA. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Doug Blackstone to approve BRSA Site Conceptual Easton FD 4-6-2026 of proposed new fire station at 265 Center Road. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Reviewed and discussed updated BRSA new fire station opinion of probable costs. So noted.
11. Revisited term notes from Machias Savings Bank and Katahdin Trust Company for Elementary School Fire Alarm System, Fire Station Loan and Tax Anticipation Note.

Selectman Scott Allen made a motion to allow the Town of Easton to borrow from Katahdin Trust Company a loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a fire alarm system at the elementary school with an interest rate of 4.67%, for a term of 54 months. Also, this motion gives Cheryl Clark, Town Manager, permission to sign any required documents on behalf of the town. Selectperson Tammy Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion, so voted – 5 votes in favor and 0 opposed.

Selectman Scott Allen made a motion to allow the Town of Easton to borrow from Katahdin Trust Company a loan up to \$990,000.00 for 12 months at a fixed interest rate of 4.61% for a Tax Anticipation Note. Also, this motion gives Cheryl Clark, Town Manager, permission to sign any required documents on behalf of the town. Selectperson Tammy Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion, so voted – 5 votes in favor and 0 opposed.

Selectman Scott Allen made a motion to allow the Town of Easton to borrow from Katahdin Trust Company a loan in the amount of \$500,000.00 to pay costs to above and beyond the \$3,600,000 to be received from the THUD EDI CDS grant funds necessary to construct and equip a new fire station with an interest rate of 4.88% (subject to date of closing) and term of 5 years. Also, this motion gives Cheryl Clark, Town Manager, permission to sign any required documents on behalf of the town. Selectperson Tammy Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion, so voted – 5 votes in favor and 0 opposed.

12. Reviewed and discussed proposed Town of Easton Communications Policy for Media and Public Inquiries. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the proposed Town of Easton Communications Policy for Media and Public Inquiries as presented. Motion carried 5-0 and policy was signed.
13. Signing of town meeting warrant to be done as soon as wording is provided by legal counsel on Article 38.
14. Town Manager updated Select Board on sale of Johnston tax acquired property. After 90-day notice period was fulfilled, Mike Willette of Big Bear Realty made agreement with the town to sell for \$15,500 with the town having no knowledge of the property and no liability. Town currently has a purchase sale agreement with Jason Richard for the asking price. So noted.
15. Reviewed and discussed proposals for telephone/internet from Fidium and Charter/Spectrum. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to contract with Charter/Spectrum for this service as internet is

currently through this same company and a land line phone for 80 Center Road and 3 Station Road could be provided in addition to the Voice Over IP phone lines. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Discussed how to use balance of \$7,812.90 left in the Small Community Grant fund (septic repair/replacement grant) that needs to be expended by 10/2/2026. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to use \$4,625.00 to contract with LatLong Logic to provide digital tax maps, as well as updated printed copies, for the Town of Easton. The remaining \$3,187.90 is to be used to make any appropriate purchases approved by MDEP. Motion carried 5-0.
17. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norman Trask to enter into executive session at 7:49 PM to discuss a personnel matter as per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A). Motion carried 5-0. It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Doug Blackstone to come out of executive session at 8:15 PM. Motion carried 5-0.
18. Manager's items
  - i) Town Manager provided the Select Board with a thank you letter from County of Aroostook for Outstanding Support of Community Service. So noted.
  - ii) Reviewed and discussed request for donated use of Odd Fellows' Hall from Noah Rush-Mabry (227 Conant Road, Easton) to host a dessert social fundraiser to raise travel funds so he can participate in World Championship Olympic Distance Triathlon, Pontevedra, Spain. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to donate use of the Odd Fellows' Hall for this fundraiser. Motion carried 5-0.
  - iii) Select Board signed contract with Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services that was approved at March 9, 2026 Select Board meeting.
19. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier -Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried 5-0.