

**TOWN OF EASTON
SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026
6:30 PM
EASTON ODD FELLOWS' HALL
MINUTES**

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

1. Chairman Bruce Flewelling called Easton Select Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Wil St. Peter of McCain Foods, Inc. attended to further explain McCain's request of a confined space team to provide support with training, egress, and recovery as part of Easton Fire Department. EFD would be the first on the scene for a confined space incident at McCain Foods and would control the scene until Clean Harbors arrived. McCain's proposes to pay \$5,000 for training, \$25,000 for equipment purchases such as SCBA, monitors, egress tripods and winches to be housed at Easton Fire Station. Team members would also be paid wages agreed upon between McCain Foods and the Town of Easton. Wil indicated that there would be approximately 30 training events annually with 25 conducted during the McCain plant shutdown in August/September and 5 conducted during the shutdown in December/January and plenty of notice would be provided to the Fire Department. The Fire Department would be required to be onsite for the whole event, anywhere from 15 minutes to 15 hours. A team consists of a hole watcher and 1 or 2 monitors. When asked when McCain's needed a decision, Wil indicated that leadership is ready. Select Board asked for a list of equipment that would be required and purchased by McCain's and also requested a plan for transportation of the equipment in the case of a confined space event, such as a designated trailer. Select Board asked Wil if other McCain plants have this type of agreement and the only one in the US is Burley, ID. Florenceville has its own fire brigade. The closest Confined Space Team is in Boston. Wil also mentioned that McCain's is grateful to have the Hazmat truck and team based in Easton as it would take 1 to 1 ½ hours for the next closest team to respond to a Hazmat call at the plant. Item tabled until next meeting. Fire Chief will be in attendance.
4. School Board Members Penney Siddiqui – Chair, Andrew King – Vice Chair, Nicole Guess, Bradley Trask and Rick Henderson, as well as Richard Lyons, Superintendent of Schools and Sarah King, Business Manager presented the Easton School Department's FY2026-2027 budget. Discussed the change to a superintendent's agreement instead of tuition paid by non-residents allowing the student to be included in the ESD count resulting in an increase in subsidy from the State. Discussed requesting a 5 year enrollment study for both school to get an idea of future enrollment. Current total enrollment is 179. Increases to budget include increase in health insurance of 8.8%, adding a part-time/contract social worker, Assessment and Evaluation of the High School Building. Also moved funds from custodian salary to cleaning service. Reduced music to part time

- position and Superintendent will go from 4 days a week to 2.5 days. After budget questions were asked the Select Board signed the June 1, 2026, School Budget Town Meeting Warrant.
5. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to give the old LED sign currently on the fire station building to the Easton School Department once the new sign is received and mounted. Motion carried 4-0.
 6. Town Manager informed the Select Board that Darrell White, on behalf of the Easton Trailbreakers, has requested that the town sell or lease some of the 5 acres to be used for the new fire station to the club for the purpose of building a new storage building for the groomer. Select Board requested more specific information like where on the lot, how much land, are they asking to buy/lease the land or can they just put the building on the property, when is the grant application due etc. Item tabled until June meeting.
 7. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve minutes of the April 16, 2026, Regular Board of Selectmen meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
 8. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #93-99. Motion carried 4-0.
 9. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve financial figures through May 6, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.
 10. Reviewed Easton School Department 4/30/2026 Financials. So noted.
 11. Town Manager updated Select Board on new fire station project. Received an award letter from HUD but have not yet received any other communication or access to the portal. So noted.
 12. Town Manager updated Select Board on Elementary School Child Care Center. Cheryl met with Easton School officials and members of ACAP in April. ACAP reported the infant/toddler room was now at full capacity of 8. Making headway in communication between cafeteria staff and ACAP. Tammy White requested ACAP make an effort to show the community the Center is up and running and available as the rough start deterred some Easton families. ACAP will plan an open house.
 13. Discussed Richard Henderson's offer to remove junk cars and dilapidated mobile home on tax acquired property at 86 Station Road. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norm Trask to allow Richard Henderson to remove junk cars and dilapidated mobile home on tax acquired property at 86 Station Road. Motion carried 4-0.
 14. Discussed submitting tax foreclosure documents to NorStar Title for title search to discover any unpaid attachments related to tax acquired property previously owned by Edward Johnston at 86 Station Road. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to send a 90 pre-sale notice to the heirs of Edward Johnston and request NorStar Title perform a title search to discover any unpaid attachments related to tax acquired property previously owned by Edward Johnston at 86 Station Road. Motion carried 4-0.
 15. Discussed submitting tax foreclosure documents to NorStar Title for title search to discover any unpaid attachments related to tax acquired property previously owned by Adam Lynds at 352 Ladner Road. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to send a 90 pre-sale notice to Adam Lynds and request NorStar Title perform a title search to discover any unpaid

- attachments related to tax acquired property previously owned by Adam Lynds at 352 Ladner Road. Motion carried 4-0.
16. Town Manager updated Select Board on sale of Eugene Johnston tax acquired property at 172 West Ridge Road. Upon the discovery of a credit card judgment lien attachment to the property of around \$5,700, the prospective buyer cancelled the purchase and sale agreement. Property will continue to be listed through Mike Willette of Big Bear Realty. So noted.
 17. Discussed request from Meaghan Ellis that the Jennifer Bray White Scholarship Funds be managed as a restricted account under town oversight. It was moved by Norm Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to manage Jennifer Bray White Scholarship Funds as restricted funds to be held and overseen by the town. Motion carried 4-0.
 18. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to sign Quitclaim deed transferring tax acquired property at 38 Station Road back to previous owner Robert Dionne as all taxes through 6/30/2026 have been paid. Motion carried 4-0 and deed signed.
 19. Discussed 3 applications for Animal Control Officer. Select Board indicated town manager should interview and hire. As this is a Select Board appointment, Town Manager will suggest a primary and alternate Animal Control Officer for the Select Board to appoint at their June meeting.
 20. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller 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 4-0. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to come out of executive session at 8:28 PM. Motion carried 4-0.
 21. Manager's items: None
 22. It was moved by Tammy Beaulier -Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Motion carried 4-0.