

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
14 AUGUST 2017
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Corey, Bruce Flewelling, Paul Dudley, Scott Allen, Doug Blackstone and Jim Gardner Town Manager.

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve minutes of the 10 July 2017 Regular Meeting as presented and approve the minutes of the 25 July 2017 Special Meeting with corrections of the "year 2917" to "2017". Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #59 through #69. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve Financial Figures through 8 August 2017. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign abatement request for Tammy and Robert Long. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign abatement request for J&D Investment. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to advance the Easton School Budget Committee Ordinance forward to a public hearing and referendum vote in November 2017 with changes as prescribed by Easton Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to advance the Easton Marijuana Ordinance forward to public hearing and referendum vote in November 2017. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from law firm of Drummond/Woodson concerning school budget validation petition. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning inspection of local properties violating the Junk Yard laws of Maine. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed thank you letters for receiving the Hayden Scholarship from students of Class of 2017. So noted.

During the Town Manager's Report Town Manager Jim Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that there was interest in renting the town owned building located at 80 Center Road. Easton Board of Selectmen informed Town Manager Gardner to obtain a business plan for review at the next regular scheduled board meeting. Town Manager Gardner also informed the Easton Board of Selectmen of a concern with a current employee personnel policy involving vacation time. Currently full-time town employees can carry over 10 days of vacation a year with no cap on the number of days one can accrued throughout their career with the Town of Easton. Presently only one employee has accrued 49 days that must be reimbursed. Eliminating that piece of the personnel policy will prevent repeated problems in the future. Town Manager Gardner stated that the Easton Board of Selectmen may also eliminate the possibility of converting sick days to vacation days as this just compounds the problems with vacation time. Easton Board of Selectmen instructed Town Manager Gardner to make the appropriate parts of the Easton Employee Personnel Policy concerning vacation time and bring back the document for their signature.

Selectmen Flewelling asked about the Tennis Court Project. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would be meeting with Soldeberg Construction on Wednesday of this week and would inform the Board.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager