

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
10 DECEMBER 2018
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Corey, Doug Blackstone, Paul Dudley, Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Dave Hopkins Planning Board Chairman, Skip Babineau, Cindy Flanagan, Kevin Marquis, Richard Green and Jay Kamm NMDC representative.

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order.

There was no public comment.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve minutes of the 19 November 2018 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #90 thru #95. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 4 December 2018. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen and the Easton Planning Board discussed the proposal of a Land Use Ordinance. Planning Board Chairman stated that there was a piece of the adopted Easton Comprehensive Plan that talked about Town of Easton establishing a Land Use Ordinance. Easton Board of Selectmen Chairman Mike Corey stated that he would prefer that this ordinance be a citizen initiative as the last time there was an effort to establish a Land Use Ordinance it was voted down by the citizens of Easton at that time. Bruce Flewelling stated that it was important that any new ordinance would have to recognize that Easton is a farming community. Skip Babineau stated that there was a lot of new citizens in the community compared to those that was against the last proposal and the Easton Planning Board was just looking to gain support from Easton Board of Selectmen before undertaking such a project. Easton Board of Selectmen stated that they would support the Easton Planning Board as long as the Land Use Ordinance was a simple and was brought to the citizens through public hearings. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection concerning the inspection of the closed landfill that was closed in

1986. Town Manager Gardner stated that there was a few minor discrepancies that would be corrected in the spring of 2019 and would report back to Maine DEP. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Maine Municipal Association concerning a grant to the Easton Fire Department for Personal Protective Equipment. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed document that laid out the 10 year plan for Easton roads. So noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that Maine Property Tax Division denied Town Of Easton's reconsideration request for adjustments to the annual BETE program which clawed back \$41,660. The monies were taken from the 2018 BETE reimbursement request. Town Manager Gardner stated that he has requested that Easton's Maine Property Tax Division's annual audit be completed prior to the setting of the Town's annual mil rate setting in August of each year. Town Manager Gardner stated that there were three newly tax acquired property which had been turned over to the Town Attorney for how to move forward with the properties. Two of the newly acquired properties owners have or are incarcerated. Town Manager Gardner stated that a Prestile Stream Park committee has been established and will have their first meeting on 27 December 2019. This committee will take on the restitution of the park through in-kind efforts, donations and grants. Town Manager Gardner stated that the Town Office would be closed at 12:00 noon on 24 December 2018 and a small gathering will commence for part-time employees.

During Selectmen Items Selectmen Dudley asked if there had been any interest in the 80 Center Road property and if we still listed the property in the local newspapers. Town Manager Gardner stated that there had been no new interest and that yes we periodically put the ad in the local paper.

Selectmen Flewelling the motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager