

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and Cheryl Clark

1. Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. There was no public comment.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to go into executive session at 6:44 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to come out of executive session at 7:10 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

It was decided that Cheryl Clark, Town Manager and Chairman Bruce Flewelling would meet with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 3:30 PM to discuss Fire Chief's email to Town Manager.

3. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
4. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve and sign the Treasurer's warrants #74-78. Motion carried 5-0.
5. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve the financial figures through February 7, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Reviewed and discussed Easton School Department's financial statement as of 1/31/2025.
7. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Doug Blackstone to approve fiscal year 2/16/2025 to 6/30/2026 budget presented including a 2% COLA for employees (excluding stipends). Motion carried 5-0. Board of Selectmen set a date of March 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM for a public hearing regarding the change of fiscal year.
8. Review proposed town meeting warrant
 - i. Reviewed suggested articles for tax acquired property. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve Article 4 as presented in warrant as recommended by town's attorney. Motion carried 5-0.
 - ii. Reviewed letter to abutting landowners notifying them of an order to discontinue a public easement pertaining to the old entrance to the Bowers Road. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to send letters to abutting landowners notifying of order of discontinuance. Motion carried 5-0.
 - iii. Reviewed Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant received by the Fire Department. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve Article 43 as proposed to

appropriate \$3,822.00 from the equipment reserve account, to match a 50/50 grant received from Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) to purchase 6 coats, pants, traffic vests, goggles and foam. Motion carried 5-0.

- iv. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve FY2026 town meeting warrant as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Reviewed and approved BRSA draft contract for design services.
 - i. Reviewed document from Scott Allen sent to BRSA with requested changes and questions.
 - ii. Reviewed email from Mandy with responses to changes and questions.
 - iii. Reviewed updated design from BRSA. Design and Mandy's responses will be provided to the Fire Chief and Fire Department members for review.
10. Reviewed letter delivered to the Fire Chief on January 16, 2025.
11. Reviewed proposal from Aroostook Technologies for a security system and radio at the town office. It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to add article to warrant requesting \$6,921.77 be appropriated from the equipment reserve fund to install a security system and radio at the town office. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Discussed the executive session process generally and the protocol which the Board intends to follow going forward when discussing personnel matters. Cheryl will be attending an FOAA training on March 4, 2025, and will update the board at the March 10, 2025, regular board of selectmen's meeting.
13. No manager's items to report.
14. It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norman Trask to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Motion carried. 5-0.