

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
11 FEBRUARY 2019
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Chairman Corey called the regular meeting to order.

No public comment.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve minutes of the 14 January 2019 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #106 thru #113. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve financial figures through 7 February 2019. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the proposed 2019/2020 Municipal Budget/Town Warrant and to send 2019-2020 Municipal Budget/Town Warrant to Easton Budget Committee. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed an application for a loan from the UDAG program. So noted.

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve and sign the 2019 Dispatch contract with Aroostook County Sheriff's Department. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve the sale of eight acres (2 lots) of Town Owned Property located on the Fuller Road for the price of \$16,000 plus legal fees. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Maine Department of Transportation concerning 2019 pavement resurfacing. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning Easton School Department heating systems. So noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Maine Local Roads Center. So noted.

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to contribute \$100 to the Easton Class of 2019 Project Graduation to be taken from the Selectmen's Discretionary account. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Recreation Department program activities for ensuing month. So noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that McCain Foods USA had submitted an application for and abatement of property taxes through their agent Altus Group. Per the Easton Assessing agent Garnet Robinson the application would not be considered because it was not submitted in a timely manner. Town Manager informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Easton Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for 26 February 2019 @ 7:00 pm location being the Odd Fellows Hall. Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that he was trying to find an office for the Easton Recreation Director. Town Manager Gardner stated that the lower part of the Municipal Building located under the Fire Department was being used for storage of salt which was not good for the equipment stored in the area but also the concrete walls/floor. Town Manager Gardner stated that a new salt storage building should be constructed, attaching it to the salt/sand building located by the Highway garage. Town Manager Gardner stated that if such building was constructed that the Fire Department could store the tanker in that lower bay area, construct a wall between the previous bay on the upper level of the building where the tanker was originally stored and the adjoining bay to create space for a Fire Chief's office and training space for the Fire Department. Town Manager Gardner stated that once the Fire Department has built the training area that would encompass the Fire Chief's office, then the Fire Chief's present office would be the Recreation Director's office. Town Manager Gardner stated that the Union Church CD would be used to take the church bell out of the steeple and place on a cement slab with a canopy over the bell right on the church site. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would be bringing his new three year contract proposal to the Easton Board of Selectmen in the March 2019 regular meeting.

There were no Selectmen Items.

Selectmen Flewelling the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager