

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
13 JANUARY 2020  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

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

No public comment

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve the minutes of 9 December 2019, Regular Meeting. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants 90-99. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Flewelling made the motion to approve financial figures through 9 January 2020. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Dudley made the motion to accept the grant from U.S. Soccer Foundation for the Light up the Field Project. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to allocate \$100 from the Selectmen's Discretionary Fund. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the First Draft of the Proposed 2020/2021 Municipal Budget. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the email from the State of Maine Property Tax Relief Program. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed email from Spirit of America Tribute. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letter from County of Aroostook's Commissioner Office. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed 2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule. So noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Recreation Department Early Winter Schedule. So noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that the Engine #2 Fire Truck was in need of immediate repair and wanted to know if the Easton Board of Selectmen would go through the same process for Engine #2 as they did for Engine #4. Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to borrow \$6,000 from the UDAG account and to repay the account from the Municipal Equipment Reserve account at the Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Gardner also informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that 149 Center Road and 155 Station Road had not responded to the dangerous building letter sent certified in December 2019. Selectmen Dudley made the motion to send the issue of 149 Center Road and 155 Station Road to the Town Attorney for resolution. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Gardner informed Easton Board of Selectmen that EMERA Maine was interested in purchasing the lot across the road from the EMERA Sub-station. Town Manager Gardner informed the Easton Board of Selectmen that a house lot undeveloped was assessed at \$7,500. Selectmen Allen made the motion to allow the Town Manager to work a purchase agreement for the lot across from the EMERA Sub-station. Selectmen Flewelling seconded the motion. Motion carried

During Selectmen Items Selectmen Allen gave the Easton Board of Selectmen an update and selection of a heating/ventilation for the Easton School Department buildings, which included a solar array. After a lengthy discussion Selectmen Allen made the motion to support the project presented by Trane in the amount of \$2,548,448 for purchase and installation of all equipment to support heat and ventilation for both buildings, add attic insulation, purchase and install PV solar Panel System and fund the Bond Council to secure financing. At a financing term of 15 years. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 pm. Selectmen Dudley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gardner  
Easton Town Manager