

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
8 JANUARY 2024
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Scott Allen, Norm Trask, Cheryl Clark Easton Town Clerk, Jim Gardner Town Manager, Greg White Easton Fire Chief, Kyle White Easton Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Stanley Easton School Department Superintendent and Dave Hopkins Easton School Committee Chairman

Chairman Flewelling called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Chairman Flewelling open the meeting by welcoming those outside the Easton Board of Selectmen and Town Office officials to the meeting. Chairman Flewelling informed all those in attendance that the Easton Fire Department must move their vehicles down to the ground floor of the building to come in compliance with a certified structural engineer letter outlining the strength of the floor that was built in 1958 and the current weight of the fire trucks assembled for today's fire departments. Taking these steps in moving the fire trucks to the ground level of the building Easton School Department must remove some buses to make room for the fire trucks. Chairman Flewelling instructed the Easton Fire Chief that he would like to see the trucks be moved down to the lower level of the building immediately or as soon as possible. Hearing no objections from the Easton School Department personnel, discussion ended. No motion necessary.

No Public Comment

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of 11 December 2023 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller joined the meeting at 6:35 pm

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #86- #93. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve the financial figures through 4 January 2024. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Gardner presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Municipal Budget. Town Manager Gardner stated that the result of the budget increase by a very small number of

monies but due primarily to transition in management, increase in health insurance and an increase in solid waste. After much discussion concerning all increases and decreases, Easton Board of Selectmen advise Town Manager Gardner to make his adjustments once the actuals for the year became clear towards the fiscal year end.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the financial figures provided by the Easton School Department. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the invoice from TRANE concerning the Easton School Department heating system. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from Maine Municipal Association referencing Maine Family and Medical Leave Act. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the thank you letter from Francis Malchom Science Center. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed Easton Recreation Department Programs. So, noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that the date for the Easton Budget Committee is attentively set for 27 February 2024 at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager
