

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
13 MARCH 2023
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Scott Allen and Jim Gardner Town Manager

Chairman Flewelling called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm

No Public Comment.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve the minutes of 13 February 2023 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve the 27 February 2023 Special meeting with a correction to the attending individuals as Selectmen Blackstone was not present. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #1- #7. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve to approve and sign the 2023 County Tax Bill. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign the Quit Claim Deed for Wendy Dunn. Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to give the Graduating Class of 2023 \$100 from the Selectmen's Discretionary Fund. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to allow the Town Manager to switch credit card companies to Machias Savings Bank new vendor for credit cards. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letters from Mark Stanley concerning letter for the Town of Easton Annual Report. Mr. Stanley also supplied a letter to the Easton Board of Selectmen concerning the infamous school bus episode and a message to the staff of the Easton School Department. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a copy of the front cover and inside cover of the 2022-2023 Annual Town Report. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter and pay request from residents on town road for mailboxes that had been hit and destroyed while plowing during a snow storm event. Town Manager Gardner reviewed the law and noted to the board that the mailboxes were clearly in the right-of-way. Town Manager Gardner stated that a policy needs to be constructed that deals with this issue of damaged or destroyed mailboxes. Town Manager Gardner presented a picture of Maine Department of Transportation require mailboxes to be placed along a travel way and stated that the Easton Board of Selectmen should include this diagram in their policy. Easton Board of Selectmen instructed Town Manager Gardner to bring a policy to the April 2023 Regular Meeting.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a previous Land Use and Manufactured House Ordinance that had been rejected by the Town of Easton years ago. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter concerning the Miss Easton Pageant. So, noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that he had received a bid proposal from the Easton Fire Chief to fix the door entries to the 5-bottom level overhead doors at the fire station. Town Manager Gardner also stated that he would be testifying in Augusta on the extension of I-95 North to the St. John Valley. The request to testify was from Representative Austin Theriault. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would be at the Maine Town City Managers meeting in Bangor on 24 March 2022. Town Manager Gardner stated that a public works employee had been involved in an accident involving another vehicle. Town Manager Gardner stated that there was no one hurt and the insurance company had been notified. Chairman Flewelling asked that whether the employee should be out plowing, as this was the second incident in the last couple of months. Town Manager Gardner stated that accidents will happen in the winter months but he will monitor the employee. Town Manager Gardner also stated that he has posted a job vacancy for almost 2 years and has yet to get an application.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager

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Norm

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