

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
8 MAY 2023
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Norm Trask, Doug Blackstone, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Scott Allen, Mark Stanley, Penny Siddiqui, Michele Dodge, Andrew King, Cheryl Clark and Jim Gardner Town Manager

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

No Public Comment.

Superintendent of the Easton School Department Mark Stanley presented the proposed 2023/2024 Easton School Department to the Easton Board of Selectmen. After a lengthy discussion the Easton Board of Selectmen thanked the Easton School Department School Committee and Superintendent Stanley for their presentation.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes of 10 April 2023 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #16- #23. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve to approve the Financial Figures through 3 May 2023. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve and sign the 2023-2024 Municipal Appointments for Ballot Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Member. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Trask made the motion to approve the appointment of Jim Gardner, Easton Town Manager to the Executive Board at Northern Maine Development Commission. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the information on Tax Acquired Property. Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to put all Tax Acquired Property out to competitive bidding through local and statewide newspaper. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a copy of the proposed County of Aroostook fiscal year change. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed invoice from TRANE on the Easton School Department Heating System. So, noted.

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that there were three items that had come forward after packets were sent to each Board member. First, the Hayden Scholarship Committee met and approved the scholarship applications that were approved by the committee and looking for approval as required from the Easton Board of Selectmen. Secondly, DFI was the successful bid recipient of replacing the boiler system at the Fire Station. Finally, bids for the Tax Anticipate Note results showed Machias Savings Bank at 4.85%.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve the Hayden Scholarships as presented. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to award the replacement of the boiler system at the Fire Station building, drawing money from the Undesignated Fund, with an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to award the Tax Anticipate Note to Machias Savings Bank at a rate of 4.85%. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

In the Selectmen's items Chairman Flewelling asked if we could have someone fix the bricks on the Veteran's Memorial. Town Manager Gardner stated he would have them fixed.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager