

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

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

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

No Public Comment.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to approve the minutes of 16 October 2023 Regular Meeting with typo correction as noted by Selectmen Trask. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #70-#77. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to ~~approve~~ ^{typo} to approve the Financial Figures through 8 November 2023. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning inspection from Maine Bureau of Labor. Town Manager Gardner stated that all issues have been corrected and a request for "Penalty Discussion" has been scheduled. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed email from Maine Municipal Association concerning the approval of a risk reduction grant to assist with the engineer report needed for the Easton Fire Department floor. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the email from the Maine Municipal Association concerning the approval of the Ed McDonald Safety Grant for the purchase of safety equipment at the Easton Highway Department. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the article in the Maine Town and City magazine reporting on the successful completion of broadband expansion throughout the complete community of Easton. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed letter from Maine Revenue Service Taxation Department. Town Manager Gardner stated that the information on the letter does not involve Easton as the Town is already in compliance with Maine Property Tax laws.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Easton School Department attorney explaining the powers of the Easton School Committee. Easton Board of Selectmen made it clear this is not the information they were requesting. Chairman Flewelling stated that he and Selectmen Blackstone would set up a meeting with the Easton School Department Superintendent to gather the information initially requested by the Easton Board of Selectmen.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the November and December 2023 Easton Recreation Department programs. So, noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that he has begun to establish a timeline for his upcoming retirement and measure needed to insure a smooth transition. Town Manager Gardner stated that the handout was just a guide that the Easton Board of Selectmen can alter as they please. Town Manager Gardner stated that Easton Town Office would be closed 23 and 24 November 2023 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Town Manager Gardner asked whether the Easton Board of Selectmen was intending to have a Christmas dinner with the employees and if so please let Cheryl Clark know as soon as possible.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to use \$11,000 from the UDAG account and have the money return to the UDAG account at the next Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Selectmen Blackstone made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager