

**EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
16 OCTOBER 2023
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Flewelling, Doug Blackstone, Scott Allen, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Norm Trask 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 11 September 2023 Regular Meeting. Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign treasure's warrants #60-#69. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion to approve financial figures through 12 October 2023. Selectmen Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Selectmen Allen made the motion to approve and sign the Quit Claim Deed for Matt Hopkins. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents concerning the Town of Easton annual audit. Other than a few management suggestions It was a very successful audit. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed documents from the Maine Department of Labor concerning a recent unannounced inspection. A full report will follow from the Director of Workforce Safety. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the reviewed information from the Town attorney concerning sale of Tax Acquired Property. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the State of Maine Property Tax Division Proposed State Valuation for the Town of Easton. So, noted

Easton Board of Selectmen review an email concerning the Amish establishment in Easton. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the 2023 Application for Tax Stabilization Reimbursement from the State of Maine Revenue Service. So, noted.

Easton Board of Selectmen reviewed the financial statements and other documents from the Superintendent of the Easton School Department that indicated that the Easton Board of Selectmen would receive further documents from the Easton School Department's attorney. So, noted

During the Manager's Report Town Manager Gardner stated that he was going to return the Easton Highway Department from a three-man crew back to a two-man crew and part-timers. Town Manager Gardner stated that he would be compensating the current highway employees immediately, as they will be asked to pick up the slack of reverting back to a two-man crew. Town Manager Gardner stated that the Village Acres Subdivision has been completed by Sodeberg Construction Company. Town Manager Gardner stated that during the mass confusion during the Easton School Budget Annual Town Meeting, the article for the replacement of the Easton Fire Department heating system was not acted upon and the contractor has now completed 90% of the project. Town Manager Gardner suggested that the Easton Board pay the contractor from the Easton UDAG account and have the monies reimbursed to the UDAG account during the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen Allen made the motion to pay for the replacement of the Easton Fire Department heating system from the UDAG Fund and initiate an article in the 2024 Annual Town Meeting to reimburse the UDAG account for the cost of the replaced heating system. Selectmen Blackstone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Town Manager Gardner stated that the Town Clean-up Day would be 28 October 2023 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

During the Selectmen's items Chairmen Flewelling stated that he would like to set up a workshop for the Easton Board of Selectmen to plan for the transision of Town Manager Gardner's announced retirement. Chairman Flewelling would like the workshop to be sometime in November 2023.

Selectmen Beaulier-Fuller made the motion adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Selectmen Trask seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Gardner
Easton Town Manager