

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
6:30 PM
EASTON TOWN OFFICE
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Bruce Flewelling, Scott Allen, Norm Trask, Tammy Beaulier-Fuller, Doug Blackstone and Cheryl Clark. Guests: Greg White-Fire Chief, Darren Woods-Emergency Management Director, Faith Staples-Technical Hazards Program Manager for MEMA, Derrick Ouellette-Deputy Emergency Management Director, and Jesse Clark-DEP technician.

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

Darren Woods gave the Board of Selectmen the following details about the Hazmat truck and Regional Response Team:

- Climate control of Hazmat truck and trailer – initially, all the climate-controlled gear and equipment was removed from the truck and the truck was parked outside. The truck has been restocked with up to date, climate-controlled gear and equipment and is being parked in a bay on the ground floor of the fire station. Responsibility to properly maintain and use the equipment is not the burden of the Town of Easton, rather MEMA.
- The Town pays for supplies, maintenance and training initially but is fully reimbursed by MEMA (DHS).
- The Town would not be able to charge the State of Maine rent for housing the HazMat truck.
- The benefit to Easton and surrounding towns is equipment and trained personnel that is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security available for quick response to Hazmat emergencies. McCain Foods USA and Huber Engineered Woods LLC do not have staff trained for Hazmat response.
- The Town of Easton Fire Department provides the Regional Response Team, and the City of Caribou provides the Decontamination Strike Team. The annual stipend is currently \$20,000 but there is still money available from the DHS. Just finished using FY2020 money so money from previous fiscal years is still available.
- The Decontamination trailer will be going to Caribou. The Decontamination Strike Team is a lower level than the Regional Response Team.
- The Regional Response Team requires 20 members. Easton has 12 fully trained members. The other 8 members can consist of non-trained members as administrative tasks are required also. Volunteers can receive a stipend for a call. Darren will send a fee rate structure to use to bill MDEP.
- The Regional Response Team was created as part of the International Management Emergency Pact of 2011. Because calls are high hazard, low frequency events, it is hard to keep volunteers interested in operating the Regional Response Team. Town's with their own ambulance services do not have time for both. Team responds to events but is not responsible for remediation.

Chairman Flewelling opened the public hearing for the applications from Travis Hussey dba S.A.B.O.T. Salvage and Dana Cyr dba D&L Salvage.

Hearing no objections to the applications, Chairman Flewelling closed the public hearing.

It was moved Scott Allen and seconded by Doug Blackstone to approve and sign the Junkyard Permits for Travis Hussey dba S.A.B.O.T. Salvage and Dana Cyr dba D&L Salvage. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no public comment

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the minutes of August 12, 2024, regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve and sign treasurer's warrants #43-#48. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the financial figures through September 4, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Reviewed and discussed email from Tim Roix about visibility approval from MDOT for Bruce Flewelling's lot (part of Map 4 Lot 43). Ray E. DeMerchant from MDOT had no concerns. So noted.

Reviewed and discussed Easton School Department's financial statement as of 8/31/2024.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to provide a report on the sites considered for the new fire station to Greg White and to invite him and Kyle White to the next meeting to discuss prospective site owned by Bruce Flewelling (Map 4 Lot 43). Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve and sign Municipal Valuation Return for 2024 tax commitment. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to approve, and sign corrected Assessor's Certificate of Assessment, Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, and Certificate of Commitment. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Norman Trask and seconded by Scott Allen to allow School Board Members to sign the School Warrant electronically. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Norman Trask to approve the sale of Fire Department's 1983 Tanker to Chris Allen for \$4,000. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to approve discounted upgrade to TRIO Web and for Cheryl Clark to sign contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Table discussion on sale of town owned lot (Map 4 Lot 20-J) to Luke and Erica Fuller until it is determined whether they want to buy the whole lot or part of the lot. Comparison sales considered are: Sale of unbuildable subdivision lot on Perry Road to abutter for \$7,630 in 2021, buy back of Map 4 Lot 20-J in 2013 for \$5,500, and sale of land behind Matt Hopkins with no road frontage for \$1,000 in 2024.

It was moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Bruce Flewelling to give an old snow bucket that was for the Cat loader and will not fit the new loader to Evan Grass. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Blackstone and seconded by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller to add Polly Lockhart and Samantha Carlow to the Cemetery Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussed sending violation letters to unauthorized junkyards in town. Cheryl will make list in spring while making assessing list and Board will consider.

Manager's Report:

The cost for appraisal of 3 acres of Bruce Flewelling's land will be \$450.00. Appraised as residential, not commercial.

Shared information on dam and reviewed plans. Pam Buck will review plans soon.

Shared email from Jacob Flewelling indicating there is nothing in the Restrictions and Covenants for Village Acres Subdivision that would prohibit a lot owner from leasing his private dwelling. However, as there is a promissory note, Bindar would have to pay off note in order to be considered the owner and be able to rent.

It was moved by Tammy Beaulier-Fuller and seconded by Scott Allen to adjourn at 8:45 PM.