

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 3/4/10**

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
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The Board of Selectmen met at the Easton Town Offices, Selectmen's Office, 136 Elm Street, with Chair Colleen Corona presiding.

Members present: Colleen Corona, Ellen Barlow and Irwin Cohen

Corona called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

**Appointment of Special Counsel for the Shovel Works Project**

Corona referenced the attached memo from the Town Administrator recommending that Special Counsel be appointed for the Shovel Works Project.

**Voted:** (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Rebecca Lee of Edwards, Angell, Palmer and Dodge as Special Counsel for the Shovel Works Project pending finalization of an engagement contract and to authorize Klein Hornig as the alternative should the contract with Angell, Angell, Palmer and Dodge not work out

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Southworth*



**TOWN OF EASTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS  
*Office of the Town Administrator*

**DAVID A. COLTON**  
Town Administrator

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Interoffice Memorandum

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To: Board of Selectmen  
From: David A. Colton, Town Administrator  
Subject: Special Counsel for Shovel Works  
Date: 3/3/10

Please be advised that I have interviewed two law firms to potentially represent the Town in negotiations with Beacon Communities, their lenders and investors, relative to inter-loan and other agreements that will be needed should Town Meeting approve the proposal on April 5. The firms interviewed were Edwards, Angell, Palmer and Dodge (EAPD) and Klein Hornig LLP, both of which have extensive experience in real estate, Low-Income Housing Credits, and other aspects of complex financing arrangements similar to shovel shops. Enclosed are the qualifications of each firms lead partner on such matters, respectively, Rebecca Lee and Jonathan Klein. As you can see both are highly qualified for this assignment.

After the interviews I have decided to recommend that the Board appoint Rebecca A. Lee of EAPD as Special Town Counsel in this matter. Ms. Lee's impressive experience in both the public and private sector make her an excellent choice, and EAPD currently provides the Town with excellent representation as Bond Counsel making this choice clearly the best alternative. I request that you vote to make this appointment and authorize me to engage Rebecca A. Lee and Edwards, Angell, Palmer and Dodge as Special Counsel pending finalization of an engagement contract. Since time is of the essence, it would be prudent to also authorize the engagement of Klein Hornig in the alternative should the engagement of EAPD run into any last minute snags.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.