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

Members present: Colleen Corona, Ellen Barlow, Sean Noonan, Dan Murphy, Todd Gornstein and Town Administrator David Colton

Corona called the meeting to order at 7pm and noted that this meeting is televised.

One day liquor license requests

Union Villa - Michael Richard -190 Washington Street

Applicant Michael Richard was present. Mr. Richard explained the one day beer and wine license request for the annual Callahan's Run fundraiser on July 23, 2011 from noon – 5pm on the outside premises of the Union Villa at 190 Washington Street.

Voted: (Barlow/Noonan) voted unanimously to approve the one day beer and wine license

Recognition of Easton's designation as a Green Community

Colton referenced the flier explaining the brief ceremony in recognizing Easton as a green community. The Commissioner of Department of Energy Resources and the Commissioner of the Green Communities Division Director will be present. Barlow, as a member of the Green Communities Committee, spoke of the requirements in order to become a green community. Corona noted that this designation allows the Town of Easton to apply for grants. Barlow gave the example of the energy efficient equipment which will be replaced in some town buildings. Colton noted that a check will be presented to the town at 10am on Thursday, June 30th in the Selectmen's Office.

Contract for bid and construction phase services for the Foundry /Prospect Street intersection – Beta Group, Inc.

Colton explained the contract in the amount of \$46,200 for design and construction services for the Foundry/Prospect Street intersection project. Funding for the project was approved at town meeting.

Voted: (Noonan/Murphy) voted unanimously to approve the contract as requested

2011 Contract for preliminary design plans for the revitalization of a portion of Main Street – Beta Group, Inc.

Colton explained the Main Street Rehabilitation project and the plans to apply for a grant this fall. The contract is proposed in the amount of \$75,000. Corona clarified that we need to spend this money to get the preliminary work done so we may qualify for the grant. Funding for this project was also approved at town meeting.

Murphy asked if pictures of the proposed work can be found on the town's website. Colton confirmed yes.

Voted: (Noonan/Barlow) voted unanimously to approve the contract as proposed

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Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Preservation restriction

Corona recued herself and left the room at 7:05pm. Barlow noted the need for the restriction as this was a condition of the CPA committee when the funding was approved in 2010. Colton noted that this codifies the preservation of the hall.

Noonan asked if this restriction was approved by the Historical Commission. Colton confirmed yes.

Voted: (Noonan/Gornstein) voted unanimously of those present to approve the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Preservation Restriction

Corona returned at this point of the meeting (7:07pm)

Interview for Conservation Commission

Murphy left the room at 7:10pm.

Applicant Edward Woods introduced himself and explained his education and experience as a licensed attorney in Massachusetts; employed as a mediator and probation officer for the last four years in the court system. He spoke of the very stressful work environment that he is used to working in. Woods stated that he has substantial experience in dealing with the public and is not afraid to voice his opinion as he does this every day. He spoke of his legal experience with land development and land use issues, working with engineers and surveyors. As an attorney, he has filed Notices of Intents, helped others comply with Orders of Conditions and Certificates of Compliances. Woods suggested he has knowledge of Easton and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection bylaws.

Corona spoke of the role of Conservation Commission as to protect wetlands. Corona asked if he understands the role. Woods stated yes, he understands that he needs to provide service to the public. He feels it's important to be a good neighbor and the role is to help the citizens with their projects.

Barlow asked about his previous private law practice, specifically representing clients with conservation issues and in his most recent capacity of dealing with mediation, specifically, how he feels he can combine these skills. Woods spoke of situations of contentious, high stakes, people in subdivisions that don't want to see a development come in. He believes in explaining the process and stressed the importance of giving people the proper time to speak and ask questions. He spoke of the opportunity to be heard and suggested he has no problem saying no; it's how you say no that really matters.

Noonan asked what sparked his interest in serving on the Commission. Woods referenced his young family and the time he spends attending sports events for his children and working, wanting to put his skills and experience t use for the citizens. Woods noted that he really hasn't followed the Conservation meetings

Gornstein asked how long lived Woods has lived in Easton. Woods replied 9 years. Gornstein asked if he anticipates any potential conflicts with past clients from his law practice. Woods replied no, most of his work was done in Attleboro and Mansfield. The Board thanked Woods for the interview.

Corona recapped the two candidates applying for one position on the Conservation Commission, Kyla Bennett and Edward Woods.

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Voted: The Board voted unanimously of those present by roll call to appoint David Woods to the Conservation Commission

Gornstein- Woods; Corona-Woods, Barlow-Woods, Noonan-Woods
Murphy returned at this point of the meeting (7:15pm)

Minutes

None

Town Administrator Notes

None

Press notes

None

Selectmen's notes

None

Voted: (Barlow/Noonan) voted unanimously to adjourn (7:15pm)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Southworth

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

Agenda Notes

Announcement of Green Communities Ceremony

Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Preservation Restriction

Beta Group Inc – contract for the Foundry / Prospect Street intersection

Beta Group Inc – contract for the Revitalization of a portion of Main Street

Volunteer form/resume – Edward R. Woods, Jr. – Conservation Commission