

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
5/4/09**

The 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, John Haederle, Ellen Barlow, and Town Administrator David Colton.

Members not present: Chuck King and Irwin Cohen

Board reorganization

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to nominate Corona as Chair
Haederle-Corona; Corona-Corona; Barlow-Corona

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to nominate Haederle as Clerk
Haederle-Haederle; Corona-Haederle; Barlow-Haederle

One day liquor license request – The Friends of the Ames Shovel Works

Applicant David Ames was present.

The Board reviewed the one day beer and wine license request for the fundraiser event to be held on May 16, 2009 from 4:30 to 9pm at the Langwater House/Gate Lodge, 135 Elm Street. One Easton Police Department detail is required.

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

One day liquor license request – Stonehill College, Inc.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to approve a one day beer and wine license for the Class of 2009 Legacy Celebration to be held on May 15, 2009 for 4-6 at Donahue Hall

No Easton police detail is required.

Review of departmental budgets

Recreation

Director Jennifer Hruniak was present. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and Colton suggested that each year, the Recreation Department is moving forward in the direction of becoming self supportive.

Hruniak explained the budget as proposed by the Town Administrator. Barlow spoke of Hruniak's participation in the Activate Easton Program as well as the Safe Routes to School Program and these efforts will benefit the entire town.

Assessors

Chief Appraiser Rob Alford and Board of Assessors Chair Sean Fitzgerald were present.

Colton gave a brief presentation of his recommended Assessors budget. Alford gave a brief summary of the line items.

Data Processing

Information Systems Manager Mike Deltano was present.

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Colton gave a brief presentation of his recommended Data Processing budget. Deltano gave a brief summary of the line items.

Inspectional Services

Building Inspector Mark Trivett was present.

Colton gave a brief presentation of his recommended budget. This budget proposal combines Inspectional Services with the Board of Health. Trivett gave a brief summary of the line items. Colton noted that the Board of Health will still exist. The Public Health Agent as proposed will report to the BOH directly, attend their meetings; the only difference is that the employee will not be the department head. The Public Health Agent will not supervise or worry about office functions.

Fire

Fire Chief Tom Stone was present.

Colton gave a brief presentation of the Fire budget and specifically noted that the budget has not been cut. He spoke of union negotiations to date. We are looking at cutting six firefighters if we need to make further cuts in the town's budget.

Stone gave a brief summary of the line items and also spoke of the union's Cost of Living Adjustment and the longevity schedule which are reflected in this budget. Overtime line items were discussed at length and the new "call back proposal". Stone reviewed the line items in the ambulance budget.

Swine Flu information

Colton credited Stone as the Emergency Management Manager for the information that he has been receiving from the state. Corona thanked Stone for the information. Corona noted that we do have a pandemic plan and we have a team. Stone spoke of the importance of the team effort. Colton noted no known cases in the Town of Easton or in Bristol County. Stone suggested there are six cases in Massachusetts to date.

Annual Town Meeting warrant review

ARTICLE 14. AMEND FY 2009 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

No action taken.

ARTICLE 15. REPORT AND FY 2010 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

No action taken.

ARTICLE 16. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PROJECTS

No action taken.

ARTICLE 17. ACQUISITION OF LAND ON BAY ROAD

No action taken.

ARTICLE 18. ACQUISITION OF LAND ON MASSAPOAG AVENUE

No action taken.

ARTICLE 21. GRANTING ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MONITORING WELLS

DPW Director Wayne Southworth was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 21

ARTICLE 22. FIVE CORNERS INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS

DPW Director Wayne Southworth was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

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Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Article 22

ARTICLE 23. GRANTING EASEMENT TO VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. AND MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 23

ARTICLE 24. REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF FOUNDRY STREET
ARTICLE 25. REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF DEPOT STREET

Acting Director of Planning & Community Development Director Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the articles.

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Articles 24 & 25

ARTICLE 26. AMENDMENT OF ZONING BYLAW - CORRECTION OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 26

ARTICLE 27. AMENDMENT OF ZONING BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF WETLANDS AND TO REMOVE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE ZONING BYLAW RELATED TO SUCH DEFINITION
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 27

ARTICLE 28. AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BYLAW- FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT DELINEATION
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 28

The Board took a brief recess at 8:30pm and reconvened at 8:32pm.

ARTICLE 29. TO ADOPT A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) BASED ZONING MAP
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend article 29

ARTICLE 30. STREET ACCEPTANCE CORNERSTONE DRIVE
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Article 30

ARTICLE 31. LEASE OF TUFTS FARM AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LAND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MAINTENANCE FUND
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend article 31

ARTICLE 32. AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON BY DELETING §227-4(I) – MAXIMUM CONSULTANT FEE
Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

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Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Article 32

ARTICLE 33. TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON BY MODIFYING THE PROCEDURE FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW

Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Article 33

ARTICLE 34. TO AMEND THE BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW BYLAW TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR APPLICATION, BUILDING, BUILDING PERMIT FOR DEMOLITION AND APPLICATION, DEMOLITION PERMIT REVIEW

Alice Savage was present and gave a brief explanation of the article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 34

ARTICLE 35. AMEND CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT LAND INTERESTS

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 35

ARTICLE 37. AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON TO ADD CHAPTER 188. PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIHUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

Chief Tom Kominsky and Deputy Chief Al Krajcik were present. Kominsky gave a brief presentation of the warrant article and how it would affect people in public areas. Barlow expressed some concern that the proposal is too harsh. Kominsky and Krajcik clarified that the consumption is still not an arrestable offense.

Voted: (Haederle/Corona) voted unanimously to recommend Article 37

ARTICLE 38. AMENDMENT OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, CHAPTER 193, YARD SALES

Town Clerk Jeremy Gillis was present and explained the proposed article.

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to recommend Article 38

ARTICLE 39. AMENDMENT OF THE DOG CONTROL BYLAW

Jeremy Gillis was present and explained the proposed article.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to recommend Article 39

ARTICLE 40. AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE TO ADD §156 JUNK, OLD AND PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND ARTICLES

Chief Tom Kominsky and Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik were present. Kominsky explained the article. After discussion, Corona suggested that the Board seek advice from Town Counsel before making a recommendation. There was no action taken on this article.

ARTICLE 41. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON RELATIVE TO NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS

Chief Tom Kominsky and Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik were present. Krajcik noted that this article puts the fine in the Town's code book. Krajcik noted the fine proposal of \$300 fine per day per offense. After discussion, the Board suggested that they seek advice from Town Counsel before making a recommendation. No action was taken on this article.

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ARTICLE 36. ACCEPTANCE OF MGL CHAPTER 32B, SECTION 18

Colton explained the article that would propose to require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents enrolled in the Medicare Part A plan, to be required to enroll in a medical health benefits supplement plan offered by the town. Corona suggested that the Board wait to take action on this article until after more information is received. It was noted that this information has not been sent to the Insurance Advisory Committee yet. There was no action taken on this article.

Refer to Traffic Safety Committee – request to consider safety options – Intersection of Sheridan Street & Columbus Ave

Corona referenced the request to review the Sheridan Street/Columbus Avenue area and noted that we reviewed this information just over a year ago.

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to refer to the request to review safety options to the Traffic Safety Committee

Comments on petition by Global Broadcasting of SNE, LLC to eliminate WCVB-TV (Channel 5)

Corona referenced the letter submitted by Global Broadcasting. Corona proposes that we send a letter opposing their request to eliminate WCVB-TV in Bristol County.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to approve the draft letter

Comments on letter from Mayor of Taunton relating to Designated Marketing Area (DMA)

Corona referenced the letter submitted by the Mayor of Taunton regarding the DMA.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to approve the draft letter to Representative Markey

Corona noted that this is not part of the cable negotiations.

Request to refinance “LIP” Unit – Easton Country Estates

Corona referenced the request to refinance an affordable unit in the Easton Country Estates development.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to approve the request for refinance

Budget update

Colton noted that we have no new information. The state budget is before the Senate now; we will have to wait to see what is proposed.

Reaffirm Board of Selectmen's Statement of Ethics and Statement of Values

See the attached Statement of Ethics and Statement of Values.

Voted: (Barlow/Haederle) voted unanimously to reaffirm the Board's Statement of Ethics and Statement of Values

Human Rights Committee appointments

Corona referenced the citizens that came forward requesting to serve on the Human Rights Committee.

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Patrice Hite to the Human Rights Committee for a term expiring 6/30/2011

Haederle-Hite; Corona-Hite; Barlow-Hite

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Veritta Pitts- Anaya to the Human Rights Committee for a term expiring 6/30/2011

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Haederle Pitts-Anaya; Corona Pitts-Anaya; Barlow Pitts-Anaya

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Susan Finn to the Human Rights Committee for a term expiring 6/30/2012

Haederle-Finn; Corona-Finn; Barlow-Finn

Green Communities Committee appointments

Corona referenced the School Department's request to appoint Katie Loftus as the student representative on the Green Communities Committee.

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Katie Loftus as the student appointee to the Green Communities Committee for a term expiring 6 30 2010

Haederle-Loftus; Corona-Loftus; Barlow-Loftus

Corona referenced the volunteer form submitted by Wendy Whittey to serve on the Green Communities Committee.

Voted: (Corona/Barlow) voted unanimously by roll call to appoint Wendy Whittey to the Green Communities Committee for a term expiring 6/30/2012

Haederle-Whittey; Corona-Whittey; Barlow-Whittey

Town Administrator's notes

Colton reported that the firefighters are coming back to the bargaining table later this week and he is hopeful to move forward in the negotiation process.

Press notes

None

Selectmen's notes

None

Public participation

None

Voted: (Haederle/Barlow) voted unanimously to adjourn (8:55pm)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Southworth