

TOWN OF EASTON  
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**Select Board Meeting – Draft Copy**  
**August 31, 2015**

**Select Board**

Ned Cutler – Chairman - Present  
Zhenye Mei – Present  
Debbie Stever – Present

**Select Board Secretary**

Toni Woodruff – Not Present

**Town Treasurer**

Darrell Gearhart – Present

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Chairman Ned Cutler officially called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting were not available for approved, but will be approved at next meeting.

**Public in Attendance:** Jim Collier, Bob Thibault, Art Rainville, Gary Fortier, Greg Sorg, Kris Pastoriza, John Hynes, John Pecket, Lisa Pecket.

**Vouchers and Checks:** All vouchers were approved for the Treasurer’s issuance of checks

**Treasurer’s Report** – Read by Darrell Gearhart

**Account Balance as of August 31, 2015**

- Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank – Checking Account \$572.40
- Woodsville Guaranty savings Bank – Money Market Account: \$333,976.33
- Total Balance: \$334,584.73

Ned Cutler made a motion to accept, Zak Mei seconded. Passed

Easton Fire Department

Chief Art Rainville and Assistant Chief Darrel Gearhart came to discuss the Fire Department.

- The department is moving forward on numerous fronts.
- They are talking to 2 possible new members as well as discussing utilizing junior fire fighters to help with general maintenance of the FD garage, vehicles and equipment.
- FD is planning to have an open house in mid to late October.
- They are putting together a schedule to have equipment and hoses tested.
- They are looking into FEMA grants to help purchase equipment and both plan to attend a symposium on how to submit such grants.
- They are working on the FD by-laws which will be completed in time for the legislative body to vote on them.
- After the by-laws are complete they plan to write the FD SOP (Standard Operating Procedure ).

- Discussion of opening a discussion with NH DOT to see what the cost would be to resurface the FD parking lot while resurfacing Rte 116.
- The Chief will come before the Select Board for an update on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Fortier, the real estate assessor for Purvis who does the assessments for the Town, came in to tell us the Town wide assessment has been completed and provided a letter as to such. Further he said the total value of Town assessment has dropped approximately 7%. This could result in the Town's tax rate to increase.

He also claimed that we needed an extension for the completion of the MS-1. He provided us with the form which the SB signed.

Greg Sorg appeared before the Board as the Chair of the ZBA.

Mr. Sorg was concerned to make sure proper procedures are followed regarding the hearing of the special exception for Blue Sky.

Discussions were directed around the following.

- ZBA's lack of expertise to properly analyze the application.
- Outside parties reviewing the application.
- Who would be responsible for paying for said services.
- Whether the "time clock" would be stopped if issues regarding the application arises.
- Since that application was given to the Town Clerk and not the ZBA's secretary was the application consider "complete".
- These issue will be discussed at the next ZBA hearing scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

John and Lisa Pecket came before the Board to discuss the companies present and future association with the Town of Easton.

- John over the last couple of years has taken over the Pecket business with Lisa handling the back room affairs.
- They wanted to assure the Town that they want and are capable to provide Road agent services for the Town as long as the Town was willing.
- Discussion of work to be done to Paine Road was discussed but put on hold until further information was obtained.
- Invoicing for any work on Paine Road's Class VI section was discussed as it has to be invoiced separately because of its "fire lane" status.
- Discussion around the Town putting out an RFP for Road Agent services was discussed. Because of the need to purchase material now to cover the whole winter, it was decided to hold off the RFP until next Spring/Summer.

Jim Collier informed the Board that there was a Law Lecture Series available in the next couple of months sponsored by the NHMA, one of which he will be attending.

Jim also informed the Town that they will be receiving cameras from the State that will be used to take photos of any voter that does not have a valid picture ID when voting.

Zak Mei informed the Board that the VPN System required by the State for the Town Clerk was completed.

The Board compared the Town's budget to date to make sure we are not over spending. We are 66% through the year and have spent 60% of the budget. The Board determined that we were on track.

Ned Cutler informed the Board that Ralph Brigida and himself completed MS 434 and submitted it to the State via the State Porthole. Thank you Ralph, his efforts saved the Town \$400.00.

Hazard Mitigation Program schedule and progress and proper submitting of billing to the State to receive approved grant monies was discussed.

Board discussed possible impacts of Northern Pass burying the lines down Rte 116. It was determined we needed additional information. Future of the Northern Pass Legal fund was also discussed and tabled until they had further information.

Board reviewed Town Hall Rental policy.

Board discussed condition of property at the corner of 116 and Loop Road. A letter will be sent to owner regarding the up keep of the property.

### **Select Board Business**

**Correspondence:** All correspondence was open and read.

Ned Cutler made a motion to close the public meeting at 8:15p.m. and move to closed session. Zak Mei seconded the motion, Passed.

Board came out of closed session at 8:45pm. Ned Cutler made a motion to close the meeting and Debbie Stever Second the motion, Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Cutler  
Easton Select Board