

Town of Easton, New Hampshire
A Communication from the Easton Select Board
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Easton Town Hall Town Clerk Office Hours: TUESDAYS 1PM – 6PM
Tax Collector – LAST WEDNESDAY of Every Month 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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To All Our Residents and Property Owners:

Select Board The Select Board had their organizational meeting following the Town elections in March. Zak Mei was unanimously elected by the Board to serve another year as Chairman. Since that time the SB has received many building applications for both new homes and renovations, approved intents to cut, and calculated timber taxes for logging operations in Easton. The Board has contacted the DOT and met with North Country Council to find an effective way to slow down motor vehicles traveling through Town. With many blind curves and narrow shoulders, pedestrians and bicyclists must exercise an abundance of caution while using Easton Valley Road (Rt. 116) and also Route 112. Other current areas of Town business include summer road maintenance, the budget, and assistance to the ZBA regarding an application from Blue Sky Towers for a height extension to the current cell tower located at the corner of Routes 116 and 112.

The legal actions that the Town has been involved in since 2016 regarding the unpaved section of Paine Road and Right to Know law have concluded. Final briefs were submitted to Judge McLeod of Grafton County Superior Court on May 31, 2019. The Judge will decide the outcomes of these lawsuits.

We would like to welcome Becky DiChristopher to Town Hall as Easton's new Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Please take note of new (since April) Town Hall hours in the heading. Also remember to check the Town's website, townofeastonnh.org, for up to date Town news, as well as minutes, forms, and tax information, including property taxes and tax maps.

Finally, a heartfelt "thank-you" to Angela and Ralph Brigida. The Brigidas, yearly, provide seasonal decorations for the front of Town Hall. For this summer season we can all enjoy two large pots of colorful petunias on the top step courtesy of Angela and Ralph!

Finally, congratulations to all Easton students on the completion of another school year. We hope that the year proved exciting and rewarding and that the summer ahead brings many opportunities for family and fun! As a note for the next school year, should parents require bus transportation to and from school (from and/or to your home address) please contact the front offices at either Lafayette Elementary or Profile Jr. Sr. High School so that your residence and address are added to the bus route list. for 2019-2020.

Please consider attending any of our Select Board meetings. They are regularly held every other Monday beginning at 6:00 p.m. The schedule appears on the back cover of our Town Report. If you are a new resident of Easton and have not received the annual Town Report (distributed in early March), please stop by Town Hall on Tuesday. We have extras available.

Here's to a wonderful summer!!

Planning Board –The Planning Board’s regular meeting time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. However, there is no meeting this July. We held a Hearing in May to go over the proposed 2019 Master Plan update which is based on a 2018 town-wide survey. We are making a few changes that were suggested at the Hearing and expect to vote to adopt the final Plan later in June. We remind you that a Master Plan is a planning guide and is the basis for the Town’s regulations and ordinances. In fact, the State does not permit a Town to have a zoning ordinance without a Master Plan. For the balance of the year, the Board will systematically go over Easton’s Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations to look for inconsistencies, being sure that they reflect the Master Plan.

As always, we are on the lookout for volunteers to serve as Alternates on the Planning Board. Alternates attend monthly meetings, participate fully in discussions, and vote when they are “seated” to fill the place of an absent member. Please speak to any of us if you are interested or know a neighbor who might be.

Conservation Commission The Easton Conservation Commission (ECC) will sponsor an educational event on Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The focus: The American Elm Restoration Project. For this program, the ECC will plant a disease resistant elm on the grounds of Town Hall. All are welcome! The ECC will also dedicate the educational sign for our chestnut trees (planted last year). We continue to seek new members to fill vacancies on the Commission. If you have an interest, please attend a meeting (or two) or reach out to any of our members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Kinsman Valley Club- The rhododendrons purchased and planted by KVC members last year are blooming outside Town Hall along with flowers decorating the sign and stone wall!

Please join us and your neighbors and friends for the following events sponsored by the KVC; June 29th Town Hall Clean-Up, July 6th – Old Home Day/ KVC Cookie Sale, July 17th - KVC Quarterly Meeting 6:30 p.m., August 3rd – Town Picnic, September 14th - Town Yard and Bake Sale (with drop-offs of Tuesday, September 3rd, and 10th), September 29th – Humanities Council Presentation “Stark Decency” MARK YOUR CALENDARS!. Please check the Town website: townofeastonnh.org for times and details.

The Easton Select Board

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