

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Meeting: Monday, August 29, 2022, 5:30 PM

Location: Eastham Town Hall – Earle Mountain Room

Present: Jamie Demetri, Chair; Arthur Autorino, Vice Chair; Aimée Eckman, Clerk; Jerry Cerasale; Suzanne Bryan; Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Richard Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director

Jamie Demetri called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC / SELECT BOARD INFORMATION

Jamie Demetri presented a certificate to Mike Caliri, for his 10 years of service to the Town of Eastham and with best wishes for his retirement.

Arthur Autorino received a letter from the United States Department of the Interior regarding 60 buildings in the National Seashore that will be demolished. Some will be left as open space and some will have new buildings built which will include upgrades to septic systems and other utilities. All permits and authorizations have been received.

PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Tax Rate for FY23 – Colleen Mercurio, Principal Assessor and Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director

Members of the Board of Assessor's were also in attendance: Dave Hobbs, Joanna Buffington and Denise Kopasz.

Colleen reviewed the information and recommendations with the Board and they discussed it in further detail. The property assessment rate went up by 10% last year and 24.7% this year. The recommended tax Rate for FY23 is \$7.24. This is down from last year due to the market sales and the need to assess of property values at 100% of market value. The result will be an average increase of \$300 per tax bill.

The full presentation and discussion can be seen and heard on the Town Website at www.eastham-ma.gov in both the Meeting Videos and the Select Board Agenda Packet.

Aimée Eckman made a motion to continue the use of a residential factor of 1 (one) and to not grant a discount to Open Space, not grant a residential exemption, and not grant a small commercial exemption

Arthur Autorino seconded the motion

VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes

APPOINTMENTS

Regulatory Board Concerns and Recommendations – Dr. Joanna Buffington

Arthur Autorino thanked Joanna for her work to get the joint meeting of all regulatory boards together and all the follow through to ensure its success. Some of the major concerns identified were:

- Over usage of a property when renting – 3 bedroom house rented to more than 6 people at a time
- Lack of enforcement of rental properties
- Lack of enforcement of all regulations set from any of the regulatory boards
- Over building, for example, a small 1000 sq. ft., 2 bedroom house being remodeled to a 2700 sq. ft. house, but still with only 2 bedrooms
- How can regulatory boards share information and concerns between each board while maintaining legal regulation?
- Mission Creep – a concern when a regulatory board goes beyond their regulations and starts to move to discussion of other regulatory boards jurisdictions

Windmill Weekend Update – Joanna Stevens

Joanna Stevens introduced herself and the committee which is a non-profit organization. Joanna reviewed the schedule of events with the Board and they discussed it in further detail.

Visit their website at www.easthamwindmillweekend.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Parking Agreement with the Cape Cod National Seashore

Aimée Eckman made a motion to approve the Parking Agreement

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes

Committee Resignations:

1. Strategic Planning Committee – Patricia McGraw

Arthur Autorino made a motion to accept the resignation as listed

Aimée Eckman seconded the motion

VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jacqui Beebe provided the following updates to the Board:

- The NRSD has applied for 4 electric buses and charging stations through a Federal Grant for \$400,000. Eastham is allowed to receive this Federal grant as Eastham is an Environmental Justice town. The charging stations are specific to the buses, not other vehicles.
- Governor Baker re-rated the drought situation to level 3. Restrictions have been put in place and a news flash has been sent out about this. The Board suggested that Eastham look into signage such as Harwich has.
- The Wellfleet Board of Health will have a Public Hearing on September 7 at 5:30 PM for the Maurice Campground and the septic systems at the Adult Community Center
- Timothy Smith Loan Application deadline was July 1, 2022. We have an applicant who wants to apply for their 4th year but missed the deadline. Will the Board waive the deadline for this application?

Jerry Cerasale made a motion to waive the July 1st deadline for this applicant for their 4th year

renewal

Suzanne Bryan seconded the motion

VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes

NEW/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed the information on the email received spreadsheet and recommended a response column to be added.

ADJOURNMENT

Aimée Eckman made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 PM

Jerry Cerasale seconded the motion

VOTE: Aimée Eckman, Yes; Arthur Autorino, Yes; Jerry Cerasale, Yes; Suzanne Bryan, Yes; Jamie Demetri, Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Public documents for this meeting can be viewed on the town website through this link:

<https://www.eastham-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1774/08-29-2022-Select-Board-Packet>