



Town Council MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 24, 2023 - 4:15 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

4:15 PM Closed Session/Workshop:

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Mr. Al Silverstein
Mr. Don Abbatiello
Mr. Ron Engle (virtual)
Rev. Elmer Davis
President Megan Cook

Also present was the Town Manager, Mr. Don Richardson, Town Engineer Rick VanEmburch, Project Manager Kody Cario, Assistant Finance Officer Charlie Connolly and Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch.

Call to Order by President Cook.

President Cook called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Discussion Item

Bond Projects

Town Manager Mr. Richardson gave a summary of the bond and the spreadsheet of the projects. He explained what the columns mean. Discussion started, going through each line item one by one and the possibility of completing items by the end of October as required by the bond.

Item 19-76 Rails to Trails – Landscaping/Fencing/Safety – No issues but the Council wants more information regarding this project.

Item 20-36 NEP (North Easton Park) Storage Building – Council wants an estimate of additional planting on the south side of North Easton Park Pavilion behind residential houses. Also, quotes are wanted for finishing off the northern building at park, including the bathrooms.

Item 23-33 Norris Taylor Drive, the \$100,000 in column for consideration is for design. Want 100% design of connecting road of Norris Taylor Drive and Calvert Street. 30% design of rest of access road to John Ford Park. There has already been an estimate of \$176,000 so the cost estimate may need to be \$180,000.

At end of current active projects, the Council wants numbers added for trees/landscaping at south end of North Easton Park, bathroom and finish of northern building at North Easton Park, and in addition to \$80,000 for Norris Taylor Drive.

Next, the Council began discussing the new projects.

Project Easton Point Park – Road, Entrance Wall/Gate – staff are concerned that some of these projects cannot be accomplished by October 2023 so the Council wants to remove it from the list.

The east Side Rails to Trails project is from Chesapeake Avenue and includes a pedestrian bridge over Route 50. It is possible to get 65% design by October for about \$285,000. The Town can leverage the design expenses as the matching contribution for potential future grants.

The Harrison Street and South Street lots are currently areas and a grass area that is often used for events. The owner wants to sell. ARPA money could possibly be used instead.

North Easton Park entrance wall/gate – Council suggested the Town consider adding cameras to the gate.

North Easton Park Skatepark. A lot of discussion about what is currently included and the ability to expand it in the future.

Matthewstown Run Park sidewalks and landscaping is along Fisher Range Road.

Hunters Mill Park Playground equipment is for a park on the scale of the new equipment at Moton Park.

Indoor Sports Complex Utility/Infrastructure Design is just the design of the infrastructure components, not the facility itself.

Brewers Lane dog park – \$425,000 is the total cost to complete the project. Mr. Engle is opposed to the Town contributing \$425,000 to the dog park.

The Council does not want to include the optional item of the conversion to artificial turf at North Easton Park.

Adjournment.

At , 5:47 p.m., upon unanimous consensus, President Cook adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk