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**EASTON EMERGENCY**

**POLICE**

**FIRE**

**MUNICIPAL AMBULANCE**

**DIAL 911**
The historic Ames Shovel Works property is an important part of Easton. The story of the Oliver Ames & Sons company plays a large role in the history of the Town, while the unique and well-preserved buildings the company once occupied still have a major place in North Easton Village. The Shovel Works have stood since the 19th century and played a vital role in providing shovels to union soldiers in the Civil War and also for the California Gold Rush. The complex became increasingly vacant after the 1950s and, prior to redevelopment, had only housed a few small businesses. With the support of the people of Easton, this vacant complex is being revitalized into much needed housing while restoring and preserving nearly all of the structures for future generations. The property’s new owner completed their purchase of the property and began construction in April of 2012.

This historic project would have been hard to imagine only a few years ago. In 2008, the previous owners of this complex were planning to demolish significant portions of this site, which was subsequently listed on a national list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. In 2009, with the guidance and encouragement of a dedicated group of residents and experts, Beacon Communities proposed to purchase and redevelop the site with a plan designed to better meet the community’s needs. As ultimately approved by the Town, plans include 113 homes located in preserved historic structures, as well as park-like open space, a wastewater treatment plant to serve the site and surrounding areas, and a small building for civic use.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on the Shovel Works property, which is the first ever in Easton, will serve the homes being constructed at the Shovel Works as well as nearby homes and businesses. This will help to address the need for sewer service in North Easton Village, which has small lot sizes, high groundwater, and a high rate of septic system failure. This Treatment Facility will remove the roadblock of sewer capacity in downtown North Easton and create opportunities for new economic vitality on Main Street.

In 2010, residents approved the use of Town Community Preservation Act funds to help make this proposal possible. This included the $3 million purchase of a Preservation Restriction to prevent demolition and major alteration of the significant historic structures on the property and a $4.5 million loan toward the redevelopment of the property. Continued collaboration between the people of Easton, public officials, and private organizations have successfully stewarded this amazing project to this day.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this great project, including but not limited to: the Easton Board of Selectmen, the Easton CPA Committee, the Easton Historical Commission, the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the National Park Service, the Friends of the Historic Ames Shovel Works, the Ames family, the citizens of Easton, Beacon Communities, ProBrite Chilinski Associates, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, and Bank of America.

David A. Colton,
Town Administrator

Cover Photo (from left to right): Town Administrator David Colton, Selectman Todd Gornstein, Selectman Daniel Murphy, Beacon Communities CEO Howard Cohen, Historical Commission Member Greg Galer, Chair of the Selectmen Colleen Corona, David Ames, Massachusetts Senator Thomas Kennedy, Massachusetts Senator Brian Joyce, Massachusetts Housing Partnership Executive Director Clark Ziegel, Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Gregory Bialecki, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Senior Vice President Maria Barry, Historical Commission Chair Melanie Deware, Selectwoman Ellen Barlow, Selectman Sean Noonan. Photo Credit: John Ventresco
Incorporated 1725
Area of Town 29.04 Square Miles
Population 23,112 (2010 Fed Census)
22,818 (2012 Town Census)
Form of Government Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property $2,881,173,602
Valuation as of January 1, 2012
Town Meeting Third Monday in May
Town Election Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON 2012

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John F Kerry, US Senator
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After multiple years of budget strain with reorganizing, cutting back, and spending reserves, we were finally able to make some restorations in public safety and education and add to our reserves. We are hopeful that the coming year will allow for incremental improvement, and we can continue the process of restoring cuts to important services in a way that will also be sustainable.

In April, after several long years of process and paperwork, the long-awaited closing on the Shovel Shop Project took place. This public/private partnership between Beacon Communities, LLC and the Town of Easton prevented the destruction of a nationally recognized historic site, creates market-rate and affordable housing, and provides for the first municipal wastewater treatment system in Easton. On June 8, the official Ames Shovel Work Groundbreaking was held and was well attended by residents, officials from the State and the Town of Easton, and Beacon Communities.

The Affordable Housing Trust began to act on its stated goals. Two homes have been purchased by moderate income families and will remain affordable forever thanks to the Trust’s Homebuyer Assistance Program. The Trust has also initiated its small repair grant program to help keep people in their homes and will hold its first Affordable Housing Fair in early 2013.

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Easton finally began the long-awaited process of updating the Master Plan. The plan will incorporate the opinions and ideas of residents and will guide the development and preservation of Easton’s land, infrastructure, and buildings for the next 15 years. Critical components of the Master Plan will include land use, environmental protection and sustainability, historic preservation, economic development, transportation, and housing. The Master Plan will be used to guide Town policy and to encourage specific programs to be undertaken by the Town government and community. We look forward to working with the Master Plan Steering Committee over the next two years.

The Town’s newly established Agricultural Commission began work in earnest. The Farmers’ Market was moved to town-owned land on Depot Street, increasing visibility and access. In response to high demand, a winter Farmers’ Market was added at Simpson Spring on Washington Street. In addition, the Agricultural Commission brought forth a Right to Farm bylaw, which passed overwhelmingly at Town Meeting. The Right to Farm bylaw helps ensure agricultural activities are supported within the Town by advocating for farmers and promoting a beneficial relationship between the agricultural community and the non-farming residents of Easton. We congratulate the Agricultural Commission on the success of these initiatives.

The Cultural Commission began the process of establishing a cultural district in the Town of Easton. Recently, Governor Patrick signed a bill into law that allows cities and towns to create state-sponsored cultural districts to stimulate new arts and cultural activity and attract creative business. The new district will encompass historical buildings such as Queset House and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall and bring artists, musicians, festivals, and tourists to Easton. The goal is to foster partnerships among local artists, historians and business owners. We would like to thank the Cultural Commission and Sub-Committee
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Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board’s filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran’s Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors’ data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters’ list for public hearings.

The assessors’ data is now on the Internet. The Assessing staff is working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online. Exemptions and motor vehicle information are also on the website.

This year the Betterment Module was purchased from SotRight for all the septic and soon to be sewer betterments. Eight septic betterments were processed this year.
A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Assessed Value of Real Estate** $ 2,827,594,600
**Assessed Value of Personal Property** $ 53,579,003

**Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property** $ 2,881,173,603

**EXPENDITURES:**

- Appropriations $ 72,182,174.38
- Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc. Charges $ 33,929.00
- State & County Charges $ 676,961.00
- Overlay Account $ 335,260.93

**Total Expenditures** $ 73,228,325.31

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

- State Receipts $ 12,577,375.00
- Local Receipts $ 5,580,000.00
- Enterprise Funds $ 3,828,655.00
- Free Cash/Other Available Funds $ 3,723,532.38
- Community Preservation Funds $ 1,966,220.00

**Total Receipts & Available Funds** $ 27,705,782.38

**NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION** $ 45,522,542.93

Tax Rate = 45,522,542.93/ 2,881,173,603 x 1000 = $15.80

The assessment date for fiscal year 2013 values was January 1, 2012. The Town now has 5,576 single-family homes, 1385 condominiums, 159 two-family homes and 23 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2013 is $ 370,100. New Growth was $413,005.

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**Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors’ Office:**

- **January 1st** Property Tax Assessment Date.
- **June 30th** Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the MA. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.
- **February 1st** Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)
- **March 1st** Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.
- **March** Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time
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May 1st  
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November 1st  
Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.

December  
Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

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In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2012.

In January the Health Department welcomed Katherine Minsky to the position of Executive Assistant, a position shared with the Inspectional Services Department. Our current Board Members are Chairman Jennifer Nichols, Dr. Scott Aronson and Vice Chairman Gilbert Heino. The Board of Health continued to be supported by Mr. Mark Taylor, RHES/RS full time Health Agent, Ms. Kristin Kennedy, RHES/RS, part time Health Agent, and Mr. Timothy Meyers, part time Health Inspector. The Board is fortunate to have the continued service of Ms. Elizabeth DeRosa as Animal Inspector.

During the summer the Board of Health hosted an intern, Ms. Mallory Zambolla, from the Boston University School of Public Health through a program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Ms. Zambolla worked on developing a series of public service posters on various Public Health topics to be used for a continuing education and information program developed with the Easton Public Schools for providing timely information on their website. Ms. Zambolla also began building a database to aid the office in tracking the condominium, shared and enhanced treatment septic systems.

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In January the BOH began accepting applications for the Betterment funds approved in 2011. The response was overwhelming and the initial borrowing of $200,000 was exhausted within 4 months. The BOH returned to Town Meeting seeking approval to continue the program with a million borrowing from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust. To date 28 households have secured funding to upgrade their failed septic systems through Betterment Loans which are offered at 2% over 20 years.

On July 1, 2012 The State of Massachusetts instituted a ban on residential sharpsh in household trash. While the law did not require that towns take an active role in providing a safe and legal method for disposal of
these items, the BOH felt a responsibility to help its residents comply. Through a cooperative effort with other departments, the Town now offers two options to its residents for the disposal of these items: an annual collection day and a container purchase and return program.

Through a Local Public Health Mini Grant, the BOH assisted the Easton Police Department in purchasing a kiosk for the safe disposal of expired, unwanted and unused medications. During its first 6 months of use, the unit, which has a 50 qt bin, needed to be emptied weekly.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied and focused on community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on the town’s website www.easton.ma.us. Click on department tab then click Board of Health. You may also reach our office at 508-230-0620 for information and guidance.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the town’s contract nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The following activities and responsibilities were handled by the CVNA: 731 Immunizations; 21 Mantoux testing; 0 Lead Level Screening; Health Promotion Clinics, for Blood Pressure, 52 Blood Sugar, and 10 Total Cholesterol Screening; 229 Blood Pressures 95 Communicable Disease investigations; and 5 Latent Tuberculosis Infections follow ups. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. The public health nurse provided health screening and information at the Town Offices, Parker Terrace, Elise Circle and Frothingham Hall at four scheduled clinic per month. The town nurse facilitated eight seasonal flu clinics. The town continues to prepare for pandemic flu and other mass emergencies. Plans for utilizing our emergency dispensing sites were evaluated with the help of Amy Palmer, from the Bristol County Emergency Preparedness coalition. Emergency Preparedness activities have included an activation of one site and use as for a flu clinic and a set up drill at the other site. Quarterly call down drills where also performed, and constant updating of are emergency response manual was performed.

With the help of Jenni Sousa the Coordinator for the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Town has continued its work with the MRC and has added several members over the past year with an average of 1.5 per month. The town is fortunate to have over 84 members of the surrounding community who have completed applications for MRC volunteer program. Over 50 of which are Easton Residents. Additional FEMA trainings as well as CPR where held for the volunteers.

The rabies epizootic exists in the state of Massachusetts. Vaccinating domestic pets is advised as well as required by law in the State of Massachusetts. One rabies clinics was sponsored by the Board of Health on April 15, 2012. At the clinic, a total of 125animals (88 dogs and 37 cats) were vaccinated by Dr. Buffman. There were 1087 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 1; Body Art Practitioner, 2; Body art Apprentice 1; Piercer 1 ; Camps,10 ; Motels/Trailer Parks,1 ; Food service including Mobil food ,farmers market and temporary 236, , Death Certificates 183, done with the help of the Town Clerk’s office., Dumpster, 230; Dumpster Service, 20, Funeral Directors, 2; Disposal System Construction Permits,145; Disposal Works Installer Permits,59 ; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 22 ; Title 5 inspectors,42 ; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 12; Tanning Facilities, 5; Tobacco Sales Permits, 33; Residential curbside 4; and Transport Offal,(septic Pump trucks) 28. The office logged 38 complaints from the general public. The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

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Superintendent, Dr. Michael Green, continues to provide executive leadership that is focused, balanced, and progressive. Dr. Green uses the Strategic Plan as a framework to guide the District forward and supports a culture that promotes changes in policy and process to improve educational outcomes.

The School Committee approved an operating budget of $33,731,471 for school year 2012 – 2013. This budget represents a 4.23% increase over the preceding year. Cautious and thorough planning allowed the District to restore some of the significant cuts that had been made in previous budget cycles. However, it will be some time before we are confident that the fiscal environment can support any of the major new programs and initiatives the School Committee envisions for our students. We continue to lag behind the State average on our per pupil expenditures by approximately $2,500 per pupil per year. Simply meeting the State average would require an infusion of approximately $9,500,000 into our yearly operating budget.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2012, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on short and long-range plans to meet increased programmatic and staffing concerns. Despite the continued fiscal challenges, the school system maintained programs, addressed class size issues, considered the recommendations of the NEAS&C Accreditation Report, and met increased special education demands. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents, the community-at-large, and the continued support of the citizens of Easton provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of the students of Easton.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory, and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of the young people and adults of Easton during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

A number of staff changes were experienced by the school system during the 2012 calendar year. Retirements included: at the High School level: Chemistry Teacher Janice Brockman, Assistant Principal Marc Brockman, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher/Department Head Ann Foreman, English Teacher Patricia Steiner; and Athletic Director James VonEuw; at the Middle School level: Network Support Professional Austin Cary, Learning Specialists Kathleen Ciullo and Karen Lema, Science Teacher Joanne Edwards, Principal John Giuggio, English Teacher Gail McCarthy, and Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Mary Jo McLaughlin; and at the Elementary School level: School Psychologist Laurel Hallamore, Elementary Teachers Sherrie Alford, Kathleen Duggan, and Barbara Neely; Custodian Peter Constantine, Clerical Aide Jane Garvin, and Paraprofessional Nancy Joselyn.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities include at the High School level: English Teachers Courtney Enright and Jennifer Iamale, Mathematics Teacher Christina Ireland, Lead Nurse Joyce O’Connor, and Paraprofessional John Shea; at the Elementary level: Food Service Manager Linda Hallamore, and Principal Donna Tobin.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Class of 2012 is well represented in colleges across the nation. Approximately ninety-six percent of the graduating class moved on to higher education with eighty-four percent attending four-year colleges and universities, and twelve percent opting for one and two year schools. Four percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military.

The Class of 2012 was also successful in obtaining substantial financial aid from colleges and universities. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued to support our graduates with donations to the many scholarships raised within the community.

Students continue to achieve well above national and state averages on the SATs. In addition, five hundred fifty-two Advanced Placement exams were taken by nearly four hundred students in early May. Student performance on these exams continues to be very strong with over eighty percent of students achieving passing grades.
A new Block and Drop schedule was put in place at Oliver Ames High School in September. Students elect seven courses, but attend six classes per day, dropping one of their seven classes each day. This allows for a period with longer instructional times daily. Most students report that they enjoy the new schedule very much.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that Easton students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. A Three Dimensional Design class is now offered to seventh graders at Easton Middle School. A number of high school and middle school students were selected to participate in the state-wide Boston Globe Art Awards competition. The following are award winners from the high school and middle school: High school students placed as follows: Gold Key: Juliana Ferrara, Emily Grotz, Daria Laboutina, and Erica Lewis; Silver Key: Kayla Bragg and Emma Troupe; Honorable Mention: Chelsea Sirois, Jessica Neary, and Brandan Griffin. At the middle school level, Jessica Looney received Honorable Mention. Josh White took first place in the Annual 9th Congressional District Art Show.

Twenty-six middle school students had their art exhibited at the Attleboro Art Museum and participated in the SMARTS Collaborative Middle School Art Show. Twenty-four students in grades three, four and five had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest. First-place winners: grade three-Lexi Gennis; grade four-Julianne Aviles; and grade five-Selena DeCosta; Second-place winners: grade three-Jessica Erlich; grade four-Brianna Locke; grade five-Anna Tempestoso; Third-place winners: grade three-Madeleine Taylor; grade four-Erika Mekler; grade five-Grace Maga. 2012 Winners in the International Lions Club Peace Poster were: First Place – Cobey Williamson; Second Place – Jack O’Leary; Third Place – Anna Vidoni.

In music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Robert Wheeler, had a successful 2012 season. In October they placed second and first at the two USSBA shows, and earned a Silver Medal at the MCCA Finals in Lowell. The band also marched in Easton’s Veterans Day Parade, performed at Faneuil Hall in Boston, and marched in the Lions Club Holiday Festival Parade.

In April, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard accepted an invitation from Senator John Kerry to represent the Commonwealth of MA in the National March at the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

The OAHJS Jazz Band also had a successful competition year placing 4th (Honorable Mention) in their division at the Berklee Jazz Festival. They also received a Silver Medal at the MAJE Southeast District Festival and a Silver Medal at the MAJE Allstate Festival.

The OAHJS Combo also played at many civic events: the Lion’s Club Annual Awards Banquet, the Friends of the Library Open House, the NRT Harvest Fair, at the Langwater Estate for the Friends of Easton and the Easton Women of Today Breakfast.

Students in the OAHJS Show Choir and Pit Band hosted the 28th Annual Bay State Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted 400 students from Easton and twelve other communities across New England and Canada during the two-day festival. The Show Choir also competed in the Mill City Festival in Lowell, earning a Gold Medal, Outstanding Pit Band Award, Best Choreography, and Best Vocals. In addition, the Show Choir received a Gold Medal and First Place in the Central MA Show Choir Festival in Dudley where Nate Faust received the Best Male Soloist award. At the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham in April, the group received the Grand Champion, Best Choreography and Best Vocals awards and award for Outstanding Pit Band with the Judges Award going to Addy Marcus.

The 2012 OAHJS musical production “Thoroughly Modern Millie” directed by Charlene Dalrymple, was one of the best musicals produced at Oliver Ames High School with support from numerous staff and parents. Students selected to participate in the Southeast Senior District Music Festival included: Chorus –Denali Bennett, Joseph Burke, Max Cerci, Kurt Eichorn, Maeve Evans, Nathan Faust, Davis Healy, Addy Marcus, Livvy Marcus, Harrison Phelps, Amanda Urquhart, and Jared Wise; Orchestra – Derrick Cheng and Daria Laboutina, and Erica Lewis; Silver Key: Kayla Bragg and Emma Troupe; Honorable Mention: Chelsea Sirois, Jessica Neary, and Brandan Griffin. At the middle school level, Jessica Looney received Honorable Mention. Josh White took first place in the Annual 9th Congressional District Art Show.

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At the middle school, twelve students were chosen for the Southeast Junior District Music Festival, with students being accepted into the Orchestra, Concert Band and Chorus as follows: Concert Band – Sean Motta; Orchestra – Kara Arnold, Chris Constantino, Eleni Constantino, Anna Falls, and Ben Volk; Chorus – Mikeighla Droney, Gianna Ferrini, Hannah Lizotte, Benjamin Mailloux, Zakaria Mifdal, Danielle Miller, Seamus Morrison, and Rebecca O’Rourke. Also, the EMS Show Choir earned a Silver Medal at the Central MA Festival and the Show Choir Festival in Somerset. The EMS Jazz band won Gold and Silver Medals at the MAJE Junior Festival in May.

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Middle School students ran in the traditional “Muscato Mile” which was held at the high school stadium in November. Students also took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the annual Oak Oaks Golf Tournament.

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In the Business and Technology Department, a number of students were involved in Career Speaker Day in which speakers from a number of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually. In January 2012, fifty Oliver Ames High School students were among 500 other students from district schools who participated in the DECA District 2 Conference in Mansfield. They competed in role play cases analyses or presented written papers. Based on their successful performance at the districts, twenty OAHS students went on to compete at the 3-day state competition that was held in March at the Copley Marriott. Fifty-five hundred students who had qualified for the conference from their respective districts, competed once again in their chosen event, attended a variety of business-related workshops and heard from guest speaker “Johnny Cupcakes” about his journey to becoming a successful entrepreneur. All students at the state level achieved awards for competency in their chosen competitive category. A new course in Entrepreneurship was added to the Business and Technology curriculum in September 2012. All students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship class will submit papers and make oral presentations at the 2013 DECA Conference.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, sewing students made quilts which were donated to Children’s Hospital. Students continued to provide baked goods for H.U.G.S. and charity bake sales. The department altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, repaired American flags, and operated the OAHs “Fix-It-Shop”. As part of the culinary activities, guest speakers from Johnson and Wales University were invited to address the students. The “Garden to Table” project continued as an interdisciplinary program with Project Opportunity students. An OAHs Food Club was formed this year to provide more students the opportunity to learn about food and nutrition.

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All core academic and vocational courses are taught by highly qualified teachers who hold Massachusetts licensure. To ensure that all courses are always aligned with the most updated state standards, each department takes part in a regular curriculum revision cycle and involves stakeholders from the school, experts in the field, and representatives from higher education on our advisory boards.

Upon completion of a 4-year vocational program, a student who has taken full advantage of both vocational and academic offerings will not only be skilled to enter the workforce in a specific trade but will also be prepared to enter a 4-year college.

Exploratory Program - The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students have not spent much time considering their future, we have developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants select several technical areas they wish to explore. The exploratory program will consist of examining many different program areas. Parents are encouraged to participate by asking their child about each program explored and by attending Freshman Parent Meetings.

Near the completion of the 9th grade, students will be asked to choose a career major. Every effort is made to place students in the career major that they choose. Acceptance into many programs is highly competitive, and students are ranked based on their effort, grades, behavior, and attendance. It is imperative that ninth grade students do well in all their classes, maintain nearly perfect attendance, and avoid behavioral issues. Students not getting their first choice will be assigned an alternate program and placed on a waiting list. All our programs prepare students for high-demand high-paying career fields.

SkillsUSA Massachusetts, in partnership with business and industry, provides opportunities for members to develop individually and improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education, training, service, and competition. SkillsUSA provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, teamwork, citizenship and character development.
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2011—2012 SRVTS Career Centers
The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential.

The schedule is designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helps reconnect students to education, and provides the basis for life-long learning—an essential skill in today’s highly competitive global market. Students may also participate in Cooperative Education, an educational program which develops partnerships between business, industry, and education to enable vocational students to enter the work force. Through this program, students gain valuable on-the-job training and employers benefit by acquiring workers who are trained in the basic skills necessary for their business.

Upon graduation from Southeastern, students have the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution or going directly into the workforce.

The programs offered at the Lifelong Learning Academy: Center for Transportation & Metalworking—Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Machine Technology and Metal Fabrication; Center for Health & Public Services—Business Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Education and Care, Health Services; Center for Building & Design—Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Construction, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Plumbing.


Academics
Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than typical comprehensive school students because not only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a four-year college by working through academic courses.

Small Classes - Our very small class sizes afford all students the opportunity to be exposed to honors level content and assignments while working in an integrated classroom on the core curriculum expectations. Academics in a 21st century vocational school are developed to ensure that students who take full advantage of our offerings will have more opportunities for high level jobs and greater success in their future.

Committed Staff - The Academic Department Philosophy is that each teacher will strive to create and foster an environment that promotes students’ confidence and their motivation to learn. The staff is committed to implementing our standards based curriculum (in alignment with the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) in order to adhere to a clear and rational structure through which students, teachers, and parents can assess mastery. To ensure academic rigor, Southeastern is committed to differentiated instruction and inclusive classrooms because all students have the right to be exposed to the same high level curriculum. The Southeastern community understands and respects that our students are 21st century learners. Along with implementing traditional reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills, we will continue to be in the educational forefront by accommodating individual student

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needs, by embracing technology, by fostering skills that will support success in vocational areas, and by making efforts to stay current in each field of expertise for the benefit of Southeastern students.

Students and teachers use an online writing tool called My Access! in both academic and vocational areas. It increases student confidence in writing and improves critical thinking skills. All teachers and courses are linked to Edline for students and parents to monitor grades and assignments at home.

Opportunity to Excel - Those who wish to go above and beyond the standards of the core curriculum by making the honors commitment in one or more academic courses have that opportunity available. Independently motivated learners may opt for Virtual High School and Advanced Placement, enrolling in a wide variety of core academic courses and creative electives at the Standard, Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement or Advanced Placement level.

Read 180 is a comprehensive reading intervention program that meets the needs of struggling readers. The Extended School Learning Day addresses student needs by offering programs in Academic Support, Sports and Enrichment and Life Skills.

Technical Institute
The Southeastern Technical Institute received a perfect review from the Council on Occupational Education, their new national accreditation agency, and received their maximum term of accreditation of six years.

The Mission of the Southeastern Technical Institute is to transform students into lifelong learners. The Mission and Goals are organized around four core philosophies: the Mastery of Foundation Skills, the Development of Interpersonal Skills, Proactive Student Engagement, and a commitment to Stretch Learning Initiatives.

In the past 43 years, the Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses. At present, the Technical Institute houses day and evening Practical Nurse programs, a Medical Assistant program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program, and a Dental Assistant program. In addition, there are several evening part-time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

The STI participates in the Southeastern Regional School District’s Program Advisory Committee, advising, assisting and supporting school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program.

The Day Programs offered by STI are Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Practical Nurse and HVAC.

The Evening Programs offered are computer programs, drivers’ education, enrichment classes, Health Claims, Medical classes, PC Specialists and Practical Nurse.

Easton Highlights
October 1, 2011 Enrollment: 60 Students
FY2012 Assessment: $731,211
High School Graduates (14): Barraclough, Zackary; Clements, Ian; Coleman, Alicia; Goddard, Ryan; Grogan, Kyle; Hooper, Julia; Jennings, Jacob; McSherry, Eric; Michael, Eric; Morris, Nicholas; Richardson, Jonathan; Robinson, James; Simpson, Ashley; Williams, Matthew
Technical Institute Graduates (5): Heather Holmes; Stephen Ierardo; Nikki McDonnell; Tracey Petitto; Stacey Wluka
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I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, which includes the combined balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town’s general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit. Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

I would like to thank my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Peg Horne for their hard work and dedication to the Town. I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

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### TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
### COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
### JUNE 30, 2012

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- **Receivables**: 6,925,695
- **Real estate taxes**: 592,598
- **Personal property taxes**: 71,935
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- **Utility user charges receivable**: 524,753
- **Utility liens**: 13,589
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- **Motor vehicle excise and other excise**: 454,011
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### JUNE 30, 2012

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### TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

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| **Special** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Trust** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **General** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Revenue** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | 43,870,019 | 947,373 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 44,817,392 |
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### 2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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<td>DPW</td>
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<td>DPW (Town Offices)</td>
<td>Repave Bricks and seal building and chimneys. Note: The Community Preservation Committee voted to fund this project with Community Preservation Funds. Funding for this project will be appropriated as part of the Community Preservation budget, rather than the capital budget.</td>
<td>10/25/2011</td>
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<td>Committee Recommends Funding a total of $225,000 for Lincoln St. Roadway Improvements. Cold Plan and Overlay Lincoln Street</td>
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<td>Replace Roof - Committee Recommends Deferral Until Funding Status with MSBA is known. Request modified on 3-13-12 to $15,000 for roof repairs to extend life for several years and Committee recommended.</td>
<td>3/13/2006</td>
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<td>Installation of New Lights for Walking Path at School Complex. Committee did not recommend request on 2/9/12 due to cost in relation to other capital needs. Request was scaled down and modified to $25,000 on 3-13-12 and Committee recommended.</td>
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**TOTALS:** $4,589,273 | $2,612,130

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(1) Funded or borrowing authorized at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 21, 2012.
NR - Not recommended at this time.
O - Other Source of funding such as water surplus, request recommend but not included in priority ranking order.
2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee’s primary functions are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the selection of, and scope of services for, an independent auditor.

2. Review the annual financial statements and management reports prepared by the independent auditor and make recommendations with respect thereto.

3. Make recommendations for areas of operations where expanded scope audits or review of the internal controls may be appropriate.

4. Review and make recommendations with respect to the Town’s financial management practices and controls; through the Town Administrator, review with the appropriate boards and departments opportunities to improve such practices and controls.

5. Report to the Board of Selectmen on the status of recommendations the Committee and/or independent auditor has made during the preceding twelve (12) months.

To that end, the Committee met one (1) time during the year ended December 31, 2012. During the year, the Committee was comprised of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Finance Committee, one (1) member of the School Committee, and two (2) at-large members. The Town’s Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, also attended the meeting.

The Audit Committee’s meeting was to review the Independent Auditors’ Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and the Management Comments for the same period. The Committee also kept apprised of the status of the on-going audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, the Committee had not received the draft of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

During 2012, the term for Mr. Michael Ferrara, Secretary, expired. The Committee is grateful to Michael for his years of dedicated service.

The current members and officers of the Town of Easton Audit Committee are as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

Brenda DeCosta

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee’s primary functions are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the selection of, and scope of services for, an independent auditor.

2. Review the annual financial statements and management reports prepared by the independent auditor and make recommendations with respect thereto.

3. Make recommendations for areas of operations where expanded scope audits or review of the internal controls may be appropriate.

4. Review and make recommendations with respect to the Town’s financial management practices and controls; through the Town Administrator, review with the appropriate boards and departments opportunities to improve such practices and controls.

5. Report to the Board of Selectmen on the status of recommendations the Committee and/or independent auditor has made during the preceding twelve (12) months.

To that end, the Committee met one (1) time during the year ended December 31, 2012. During the year, the Committee was comprised of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Finance Committee, one (1) member of the School Committee, and two (2) at-large members. The Town’s Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, also attended the meeting.

The focus of the Audit Committee’s meeting was to review the Independent Auditors’ Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 and the Management Comments for the same period. The Committee also kept apprised of the status of the on-going audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, the Committee had not received the draft of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012 was made by Melanson Heath and Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
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The DPW completed the paving of Union Street following water and utility work on a portion of that road. We coordinated with the Easton Police, Brockton Police, Brockton DPW, School Department (busses), and residents to set up a detour route through Easton and Brockton to accommodate the paving and closure of Union Street which impacted approximately 7,000 vehicles per day. DPW completed the paving, line striping, and guardrail replacement in October.

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DPW attended a kickoff meeting for the upcoming Citizens Connect work order program. The public facing program and mobile application is scheduled to be up and running in March 2013.

The DPW completed the installation of the new boilers at Town Hall as part of the Green Communities grant funding. This required a significant amount of work from the HVAC Technician and Electrician.

DPW met with MassDOT to discuss the closure of the West Chestnut Street Bridge in West Bridgewater and the potential impacts of a detour route through Easton. We will continue to work with MassDOT to mitigate any potential impacts relating to the proposed construction.

The DPW

Some of the other projects that the DPW has been involved with this year include:

- Street Acceptance Inspections – Tanglewood Estates
- Chestnut Street Field inspections
- DPW Vehicle Inventory
- Lincoln Street sidewalk design
- DPW Buildings and Grounds Restructuring
- Geographic Information System Planning and Improvements
- Green Communities Grant administration

I would like to thank all of the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In addition, I would like to thank the staff of the Administration Division, Jan Jacobson, Adrienne Edwards, and Maurice Goulet, as well as Water Operations Manager Jack Marsh for helping to make my transition to the Town of Easton as smooth as possible. I would also like to recognize the hard work of all of the division supervisors, John Fresh, Paul O’Neill, and Jay Conceison.

*Finally, I would like to congratulate Paul O’Neill, Tree Warden/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor on his retirement and thank him for his 38 years of dedicated service to the Town of Easton.

David J. Field, P.E.
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer
dfield@easton.ma.us
(508) 230-0800
2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISION

DPW Operations: The Operations Division of the DPW, consisting of the Highway and Building and Grounds (including Fleet maintenance, Tree personnel, and Solid Waste and Recycling) are involved with many projects to improve the town’s infrastructure as well as the town’s aesthetic character. Each year we face a variety of new challenges in which our staff responds to, with great effort and determination.

** We welcome David J. Field, P.E. as our new Director of Public Works, who took over the job in February. David comes to us from the town of Dedham, MA. We wish him much luck in his new endeavors here and he can expect the utmost cooperation and support from this Division. **

Highway Department: The Highway Department conducted a GPS drainage layout inventory for the GIS consisting of catch basins, manholes, and culverts. Over 4400 structures were located and documented for future maintenance and improvements. Due to the unseasonably mild winter temperatures, over 1400 catch basins were cleaned, and streetsweeping and flail mowing began ahead of schedule. Some notable drainage improvements were realized on Depot Street, Union Street, Olde Farm Road, Sheridan Street, and Lincoln Street. Reclamation and paving was done on multiple streets including Holmes, Linden, Pleasant, King Ave. and Union Street. The concrete sidewalk on Bridge Street was reconstructed utilizing only Highway personnel. This Department has begun to refurbish some of the older vehicles that have shown signs of corrosiveness due to past, harsh winters. This type of restoration, to a few more vehicles, will continue into the coming year. Some of their other notable tasks include pothole patching, roadside flail mowing, streetsweeping, catchbasin cleaning, snowplowing, sanding, sign installations and replacements, town-wide fleet vehicle maintenance, berm installation, and gravel filling. We would also like to welcome to the Highway Department, our two newest Special Equipment Operators, John Cuzzi and Richard Gill.

Building and Grounds Department: One of the biggest events of the year was the emergency response to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Sandy. This Department responded to over 65 locations of downed trees and debris across roadways when the storm hit and then spent the next several days cutting, chipping and removing these obstructions from the sides of the roadways. The HVAC Technician, Mike Gammons, with the assistance of the Town Electrician, Steve Legendre, changed out the boiler system at the Town Offices (in-house) and replaced it with a new, efficient system as well as changing out the Police Station’s rooftop unit (in-house) which collectively, saved the Town thousands of dollars. This department also handles many of the maintenance tasks of the school and other town buildings such as electrical, HVAC, craftsman projects that include minor construction and the fields and cemetery upkeep. Some of the other responsibilities of the department include voting set-ups, field lining for sporting events, clean-ups, stump grinding, graduation set-ups and coordination, and chipping and brush cutting.

Solid Waste and Recycling Program: The Solid Waste and Recycling Program has grown to over 3200 subscribers. Each year this program gains more and more support from the residents of the community. With bi-weekly single stream recycling and bulky item pickups twice a year, the Town’s trash program has shown tremendous advancements. A special thanks is given to Jan Jacobson for her continued excellence in customer service, leading to the success of this program.

This Division’s utmost appreciation is extended to Paul O’Neill (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) and Jay Conciano (Highway Supervisor) and each one of our Division employees whom continue to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the DPW and the community:

John Ames, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, Dave Cudmore, John Cuzzi, Mark DeCouto, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Richard Gill, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Joe Malinsky, Bob Meade, Joe Pucillo, Ray Barra (seasonal), John Minihan (seasonal), Chris Ryan (seasonal), Marc Deveaux (seasonal), Tom Nicholson (seasonal)

The DPW Operations Division would also like to thank the Water Division and its staff for their continued support during snowplowing operations as well as the administrative personnel; Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson
and Karen Gallo. This Division also recognizes the work of Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) as she continually improves on the mapping capabilities of the town and the organization of the town-wide green efforts and energy usage.

** One last note: We would like to thank Paul O’Neill, Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden (who had retired this past June) for his dedication and support to all of the residents of the community as well as his co-workers and peers throughout his 38 year DPW career. He will truly be missed **

Maurice G. Goulet
DPW Operations Manager
mgoulet@easton.ma.us
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The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today’s water supplies for tomorrow’s consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2012.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION**

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Total Pumped: 707,541,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,837,000 gallons on July 17, 2012.

The Water Division responded to 2,667 service and emergency calls:
- Connected 38 new services for a total of 7,381 active services
- Replaced 695 meters
- Renewed 12 services
- Repaired 12 service leaks
- Repaired 14 broken water mains
- 3 – 6” mains, 11 – 8” mains
- Repaired 13 fire hydrants
- Replace 5 fire hydrants
- Performed routine maintenance on 633 hydrants

In 2012, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
- 528’ of 6” water main
- 3037’ of 8” water main
- 7 new fire hydrants
- 20 new valves

We now have a total of 163 miles of water mains, 1,397 hydrants and 3,219 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 86,282 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 29,265 routine water bills, 240 property transfer bills and 373 miscellaneous bills. We mailed out 663 Conservation Letters notifying consumers of potential leaks within their plumbing system.

This completed the twenty-third (23rd) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 1319 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 131 commercial buildings, 43 institutional buildings and 15 municipal buildings were surveyed. We have 296 testable devices in the system, 165 double check valve assemblies, 131 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 14 non-required devices. This year 410 backflow prevention device tests were performed.
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We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 33 system-wide leak surveys since 1982. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 19th consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the months of April and October. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

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I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the Year 2012. The Fire Department went through a transition early in January 2012 with the retirement of long time department member Chief Thomas Stone. Chief Stone served as Chief of the Department for nine (9) years and a total of 33 years on the department.

I started as the new Chief of the department on January 16, 2012 and worked several weeks with Chief Stone in a transition and assumed the leadership of the department from him in February. I am honored to be the Chief of the Fire & Rescue Department and thank the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for placing their confidence in me to lead the department.

My first twelve months have been getting acclimated to the Fire Department. I started by meeting with the Company Officers to discuss my goals and objectives and expectations of them as their Chief and to find out where they think improvements in the department are needed. I subsequently met with each group and firefighter on the department and introduced myself. This gave me an opportunity to discuss with each of them their thoughts on the direction the department should head and the chance to get to know each of the members that work for the department.

As part of my transition and throughout the first year I have had the chance to work with each of the town departments and the Department Heads and have established a good working relationship with them. The Town of Easton is very fortunate to have dedicated and professional people working for them and handling the challenges and missions of each of the departments.

OPERATIONS

The Fire and Rescue Department continues to be very busy responding to 3280 incidents in 2012. To highlight some of the calls, the Department responded to 29 fires in structures, 295 motor vehicle accidents, 194 Alarm investigations, 177 misc. investigations and 1,590 requests for medical assistance. There were a total of 1374 transports with Easton ambulance transporting 1,205 patients and a mutual aid ambulance transporting 169 patients to local hospitals.

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There are times when the on duty personnel are placed in a situation of having insufficient personnel to handle a situation in a safe and effective manner. I need to emphasize that staffing is below what is required to cover 29.4 sq. miles and protect 23,000 residents. The statistics show that in 2012 the Easton Fire Department apparatus responded on mutual aid to assist all our neighboring communities 52 times (20 with the ambulance, and 32 fire calls). We had to call apparatus in from other town’s times to assist us (169 ambulance, and fire calls). There were 1,374 people transported to the hospital of which 169 (13.5%) were transported by a mutual aid ambulance. Not having staffing levels that allow the department to staff the second ambulance causes patients to wait longer for a mutual aid ambulance to arrive, and the Town of Easton loses the revenue. Each year the department relies heavily upon our neighbors at a much higher percentage than they rely on us for an ambulance.

As the financial crisis that has impacted government improves, the Easton Fire Department looks to increase staffing levels to adequately and safely cover the town of Easton. The Department continues to seek alternative funding sources such as the Federal Government Staffing Assistance Grants and Assistance to Firefighter Grants for equipment. The department has received several state grants including the Student Awareness of Fire Safety (SAFE) grants for public education, Massachusetts Emergency Management (MEMA) Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for equipment, a small grant from the Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Agency (MIIA) for providing hose cover on the department apparatus to prevent hoses from accidentally coming off the truck.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

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The apparatus fleet is at a point when a new replacement pumper should be purchased. Engine 2 was in the department capital plan to be refurbished in the next few years, however due to the poor condition of Engine 2, including excessive corrosion and rusting of the body and chassis, and the age of our reserve Engine 1 (21y/o), a new fire engine should be purchased. A further in-depth inspection will be conducted to see what could be done with Engine 2 to prolong its use. Engine 4 and 5 are in good condition but both continue to be very busy with a lot of miles being added each year. Ladder 1 went through a complete aerial testing and service and needed some above normal maintenance this year, but otherwise is in good condition.

The department purchased new portable radios for nearly all the members of the department, the old radios will be used as backups. The radios are provided to each firefighter and are a critical safety device that they use on a daily basis. New defibrillators and cardiac compression devices were also purchased to be placed on the fire apparatus. Engine 4 will be equipped and licensed to the ALS level allowing personnel to provide ALS treatment upon arrival on scene while they may wait for a mutual aid ambulance to arrive.

PERSONNEL

The department hired two (2) new firefighters that were new positions approved in the fiscal year 2013, these positions were cut in 2009. Firefighters Kyle Lovell and Kyle Riendeau were hired in August and attended the Brockton Fire Department Recruit Drill School. Both Firefighters graduated receiving their firefighter I/II and hazardous materials certification. These FF’s were assigned to groups 1 and 2 respectively and are great additions to the department.

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Lt. Gary Sullivan is the department’s executive officer and I want to thank him for all his assistance with the day to day operations of the department. He supervises the patrol force and the civilian dispatchers.

Last year the State 911 Department enacted a new regulation mandating that all public safety dispatchers must be trained in emergency medical dispatching. This was a three day training course and also requires sixteen hours of annual in service training. Since our police officers are still occasionally assigned to dispatch duties, it was necessary to train the entire department as well as our dispatchers. We now have nine public safety dispatchers and we plan to centralize the dispatch function by incorporating fire dispatch this summer. This is a significant change that has been discussed for about fifteen years. When we centralize dispatch, the police officers and firefighters will no longer be required to perform the duties of public safety dispatchers.

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• Reduce and prevent crime by implementing effective crime prevention strategies.

• Partner with our community organizations, leaders, and citizens to resolve community problems using the community policing philosophy.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact either:

Lt. Gary Sullivan, telephone: 508-230-3322, email: gsullivan@easton.ma.us
Chief Allen Krajcik, telephone: 508-230-3322, email: akrajcik@easton.ma.us
Our website is: www.eastonpd.com

Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Krajcik
Chief of Police
The Animal Control Department is responsible to enforce the State, County and local animal laws. We work closely with our local Police, the Environmental Police, the State Department of Animal Health, MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League and our local Veterinarians.

All dogs three months or older need a license that may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. The license runs from January to December. The dog license is important in helping to identify the owner of a dog. All cats should wear some form of identification.

All dogs and cats are required by State law to be rabies vaccinated. This is extremely important in case of a bite incident or your pet having contact with wildlife, or a high risk domestic animal. All animals suspected of having rabies are sent to State lab for testing. We submitted one opossum and one bat for testing.

We received 1850 calls. General information and concerns make up the majority of calls. When needed we would refer a call to a different department. In the spring numerous calls are received from residents with wildlife concerns. 24 dogs were picked up as strays. 18 dogs were claimed by their owners. 6 dogs were surrendered to the shelter. 3 cats were picked up and surrendered to the shelter. On April 15, a Rabies clinic was held. 88 dogs were vaccinated and 37 cats. Dr. Ronald Buffman helped us with the clinic.

We continue to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints and we help to protect our residents from intimidation and injury from animals. We help to protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the laws.

The Animal Control Department can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322.

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and support throughout the year; The Police Chief and his department, the Dispatchers, The Fire Chief and his department, Public Works Director and his men, Town Clerk’s Office, Town Administrator’s Office, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Health. A special Thanks to the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistant of the Easton Police. Thanks to the residents of Easton for being great pet owners It is a pleasure to work for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth DeRosa ACO
We are the officers in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and our local Board of Health.

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# 2012 Annual Report of the Inspectional Services Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings 37
Multiple Family Dwellings 119
Additions - Residential 117
Alterations - Residential 213
New Commercial 7
Additions Commercial 9
Alterations Commercial 65
Demolished Buildings 9
Signs 24
Temporary Signs 18
Swimming Pools 21
Roofs 93
Siding 31
Replacement Windows/Doors 93
Temporary Tents 23
Wood Stoves 21
Trench Permits 75
Foundations 47
Certificate of Inspections 101
Certificate of Occupancy 192

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Total Fees Collected for Cal Yr. 2012: $616,619

D. Mark Trivett  C.B.O., Inspector of Buildings, Zoning Enforcement Officer  mtrivett@easton.ma.us
Paul DeBaggis  Local Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer  pdebaggis@easton.ma.us
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Kit Minsky    Executive Assistant  kminsky@easton.ma.us
Arthur Pedini, Jr.  Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector  apedini@easton.ma.us

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems, trenches and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 37 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2012 and 11 permits issued for new multi-family dwelling units. There were 302 building permits issued for residential additions and alterations and 402 miscellaneous permits (roofing, siding, replacement windows/doors, trench, etc.) in 2012. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2012 was $41,117,636. Estimated cost of commercial construction in 2012 was $35,706,008.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 101 Certificates of Inspection and 192 Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Inspectional Services Staff performed 3,418 daily inspections and 10 emergency inspections.

The Inspectional Services Department collected fees in the amount of $616,619 in the year 2012.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
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Telephone: 508-230-0580
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The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) is responsible for processing permits reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Commission, and the Conservation Commission, as well as taking a leadership role in the long-range planning efforts of the Town. The Department provides staff support to the Planning & Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Affordable Housing Trust, Community Preservation Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, and other town boards and committees as needed. Planning Director Brad Washburn left the Town for a position with the State in June. Stephanie Danielson was appointed Acting Planning Director and continued in that capacity through the end of the year.

**North Easton Village Revitalization**: The DPCD participated in planning for streetscape improvements on Main Street from Mechanic to Center Street. The plans call for undergrounding power lines, improved sidewalks, street crossings and curbing, additional street trees, enhanced pedestrian access and upgrading of the municipal parking lot off Mechanic Street. Groundwork for this project included hosting meetings with property owners, local stakeholders and various boards to seek input and consensus on concepts and design and grant application and administration work.

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**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)**: The DPCD worked with the Town’s consultant to implement the next phases of the CWMP. This included:

- assistance in helping advance the design of the North Easton Village wastewater treatment facility and collection system
- identifying other possible treatment facility and groundwater discharge sites throughout Town to serve the rest of North Easton Village and other needs areas as identified in the CWMP
- attending monthly and quarterly update meetings
- administering requirements associated with State grants

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Historic Preservation. The DPCD continued to offer administrative and technical support to the Easton Historical Commission. As recommended in the Easton Historical Preservation Plan (2008), an effort to survey and document historic properties continued in 2012. Surveys were completed for approximately 160 properties in North Easton and Furnace Village. A new phase of the project was initiated to review properties the Bay Road and Uniltonville historic areas.

The DPCD assisted with Commission reviews of demolitions of historic structures under the Town’s Demolition Review Bylaw, as well as reviews of various proposed developments and Town projects. The DPCD drafted preservation agreements for properties slated to receive historic restoration funds from the Town’s CPA fund, and assisted with review and enforcement activities under existing agreements.

Conservation Land Management. The DPCD worked with the Conservation Commission to administer the Commission’s Land Management and action Plan. This year work focused on trail development and management including:

- Construction of a footbridge over Quest Brook in the Flyaway Pond Management area. This footbridge completed a loop trail in this well-used management area.
- Award of a Recreational Trail Grant to formalize the trail system within the Clifford G. Grant Management Area, including a trail extension that will complete an extensive loop trail.
- Marking out the Clifford G. Grant trail in preparation for work.
- Trail maps created and posted to the website for trail systems within Wheaton Farm, Flyaway Pond, Clifford G. Grant.

The Commission also advanced plans with the Agricultural Commission to develop community gardens at Wheaton Farm

Affordable Housing: Under the direction of the Affordable Housing Trust, DPCD staff continued to connect residents with affordable housing resources, a key objective of the Trust. The department administered the first full year of the Trust’s Homebuyer Assistance Program. Through the program, two first-time home buyers with moderate incomes received financial assistance toward the purchase of homes in Easton, and the program continues to accept applicants. The homes purchased through this program become permanent fixtures in the Town’s official inventory of affordable homes. The department also prepared to launch the Trust’s next major initiative, a grant program to assist moderate-income homeowners with home repairs.

The DPCD facilitated Town review and initial approval of a mixed-income development. The department is pleased to assist the Town in having substantial sway over the location and design of development projects.

Open Space: The Department worked with the Recreation Commission and staff overseeing construction of multi-use recreational fields on Chestnut Street and worked with The Trustees of Reservations to leverage its CPA-approved funding for acquisition of a conservation restriction on the Governor Ames Estate for the permanent protection of open space.

Agricultural Commission: The Department assisted the Agricultural Steering Committee in presenting an article at the May Annual Town Meeting to approve a bylaw establishing an Agricultural Commission. After successful passage of the article, the Department assisted in organizing the Commission, including drafting a 1-3-, 5-year workplan, beginning work on a right-to-farm bylaw, partnering with the Wheaton Farm Committee and the Conservation Commission to explore the potential for community gardens at Wheaton Farm.
Wheaton Farm and working with the NRT to re-locate the Farmers Market to a more advantageous location.

**Public Access to Information.** The Department continues to publish newsworthy information, procedural and regulatory changes and informative links to the various boards’ websites.

**Professional Development:** Staff attended and participated in professional seminars and conferences including:

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- Massachusetts Trail Conference
- GrowSmart Summit
- MAPD Annual Conference
- Governor’s Economic Development Academy
- MassDOT Moving Together – Complete Streets
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WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

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In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF

The Commission scheduled twenty-four (24) public meetings, cancelling one (1) due to Tropical Storm Sandy in October of 2012. The Commission conducted 53 public hearings relative to permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations. The Commission issued the following in 2012:

- 26 Order of Conditions and Permits for Work (2 remain under review)
- 1 Order of Conditions and Permit for work in the form of a denial
- 1 Notice of Intent was withdrawn
- 18 Determination of Applicability
- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation in the form of a denial
- 1 Amended Order of Conditions and Permit for Work in the form of a denial
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- 18 Full Certificate of Compliances, and
- 9 Partial Certificate of Compliances
- 2 Certificate of Compliances were issued for work that never commenced

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The Conservation Commission is responsible for enforcement when a violation of the Act or By-law has occurred. Violations are investigated and Enforcement Orders are issued as appropriate. Many wetlands violations occur as a result of property owners’ lack of awareness of the wetlands protection.

The Commission reminds Easton Residents that activities resulting in the alteration of wetlands, streams, rivers, swamps and low lying areas and buffer zones may be within the Commission’s jurisdiction. Alteration is a broadly defined term, but includes: removal or cutting trees (even if dead), clearing brush, disposal of lawn clippings and leaves, landscaping, installation of patios and walkways, or operation of ATV’s and motor bikes. To avoid enforcement, Contact the Commission before starting any work and be aware of the resources on your property.

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THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF

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In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

The Commission scheduled twenty-four (24) public meetings, cancelling one (1) due to Tropical Storm Sandy in October of 2012. The Commission conducted 53 public hearings relative to permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations. The Commission issued the following in 2012:

- 26 Order of Conditions and Permits for Work (2 remain under review)
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- 1 Notice of Intent was withdrawn
- 18 Determination of Applicability
- 1 Order of Resource Area Delineation in the form of a denial
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To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the Members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the Year 2012.

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In 2012, Christopher Pike did not seek reappointment to the Board of Appeals upon the expiration of his term. The Board of Selectmen appointed Ryan Cook as a Full Board Member.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Christopher Pike for his contribution to the Board during his tenure.

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The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, a Chief Administrative Officer and six staff members.

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town’s people and one member is appointed by the State’s Governor.

**Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:**

- Thomas Downey – Chairman
- Thomas Thibeault – Vice Chairman (Governor’s Appointee)
- Sandra Conant – Treasurer
- Katherine Taylor – Asst. Treasurer
- Dennis Sheedy – Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 4:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

The Mansfield Housing Authority is contracted to manage the Easton Housing Authority through to October 31, 2017. Mansfield Housing Authority’s Executive Director, Michael Forbes, serves as the Easton Housing Authority’s Chief Administrative Officer and is directly in charge of personnel and general supervision over the administration of the Easton Housing Authority’s business, subject to the discretion of the Board Members of the Easton Housing Authority.

The office staff consists of: Dawn Doyle, Housing Administrator and Andrea McDougall, Section 8 Coordinator. Mansfield Housing Authority employee Marsha Sharicz has been assigned to assist in the office for approximately 17 hours per week.

The Maintenance staff consists of five maintenance workers, Gregory Horne, Joao DosReis, Terry Banks and temporary maintenance workers Kevin Sullivan and Stephen Sundell.

**Elderly/handicapped Housing:**

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.
Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority’s State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

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Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:

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Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Authority’s Public Housing waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing:

HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 87 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers 3 mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area. Please note that the Housing Authority is not accepting applications for the Section 8 as the waiting list is currently closed.

Other Information:

The Easton Housing Authority received subsidy funds from the Department of Housing & Community Development for a truck lease/purchase.

DHCD allowed a 3% budget increase within their FY 2012 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority’s fiscal that began on April 1, 2012.
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The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority’s capital improvement plan for 2012 to 2015.

The Housing Authority had completed the following capital projects within 2012: tree trimming & removal at Elise Circle, Parker Terrace, Chandler Way, 26 Poquanticut Avenue, 50 Day Street and at 28 Barrows Street, hiring of an architect for a siding & roof replacement project at Chandler Way, new roofs, gutters & downspouts on three buildings at Parker Terrace, installed a roll-in handicapped shower unit for a handicapped Parker Terrace resident and installed automatic door openers at the community buildings at Parker Terrace & Elise Circle all with capital funds from Department of Housing & Community Development.

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This year, the EHC accomplished the following major progress with regard to the ongoing goals and activities included in Easton’s historic preservation plan:

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2. Shovel Shops Preservation Restrictions officially signed off by the Board of Selectmen and the EHC.
3. A growing number of applications/public hearings related to demo review were accepted and heard.
4. MHC Survey Grant final state of Phase 2 Extension of North Easton Village going south was completed in 2012. Phase 3 is underway and completion is expected in 2014.
5. Members of the EHC are working on plans to enlarge the North Easton Village Historic District.
6. A new camera was purchased to document demo and restoration projects.
7. EHC continues to monitor and support Beacon Communities with the construction and preservation of Shovel Shops.
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9. Worked with property owners throughout the year on various restorations, additions, and preservation projects.
10. EHC members attend and participate in many inspections, presentations, training sessions, workshops, and other Town board meetings during the year.
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The EHC encourages comments and questions and is eager to assist with issues related to historic preservation in Town. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, homestead research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, North Easton, through our link on the Town website: [www.easton.ma.us](http://www.easton.ma.us), or by calling the chairman at 508-238-0373.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie J.L. Deware, Chair
John J. Ventresco, Vice Chair
Brian Berry, Secretary
Edmund Hands
Tim Hurley
Greg Strange
Karen Cacciapuotti, Associate Member
Gregory Galer, Associate Member
2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at $50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings; and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

The Municipal Building Committee reconvened in August 2012, following a two-year hiatus, to oversee the Easton Middle School Roof Project. The Committee is grateful for the continued involvement of its veteran members, Ralph Vatalaro, Ken Carlson, and Jane Martin, and welcomed several new members, Keith Graveline, Larry Mowatt, and Fred MacLennan.

Throughout the past six months, the committee met and conferred with town officials, various boards and committees, and is working closely with School Superintendent, Mike Green, and DPW Director, David Field, as well as with the Massachusetts School Building Association, on the EMS roof project.

In 2013, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee completion of the Easton Middle School roof project, and looks forward to participating in other initiatives to improve school and other town buildings. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the OAHIS Principal’s Conference Room and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J Vatalaro, III., Chairman
Keith Graveline, Vice Chairman
Ken Carlson
Jane Martin
Larry Mowatt
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The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the recreational needs of the community of Easton. The department continues to offer quality programming for adults and youth in the community with the limited funding that is available. We are appreciative of what funds the community can contribute to our programs. We are working with a full time Program Director, part time Program Assistant and a seven member Recreation Commission. The Commission meets monthly to help guide and further develop the department and its programs. The Commission as well serves as a core volunteer group in support of our Program Director.

Frothingham Hall has allowed us to host a variety of programs reaching out to a much larger percentage of the town. We work closely with the Council on Aging to share space in the building allowing it to feel like a true Community Center. The programs and activities offered during 2012 are listed below.

Youth programs:

Adult Programs and Special Events:

The Edwin A. Keach facility has been completed and will open in April 2013. Our plan includes building walking, hiking, and biking trails at the facility in the near future.

We are in the process of planning our opening day celebration for the Edwin A. Keach field. We are also working on a scheduling procedure for our fields. All the sports organizations will be contacted when the plan is in place.

The H.U.G.S. Walk was once again a success. The department would like to express our gratitude to the H.U.G.S. organization for its generous donation. This money is used to run the Homework Club for Easton Middle School students and the late bus. The Homework Club is free to students in grades 6-8. Students stay after school and receive help with their homework from teachers. The late bus is used for children in the Homework Club as well as children who stay for after school activities.

In addition, we are seeking to develop other existing recreational facilities in the town. We are in the process of working on upgrading the Peterson playground and parking for the Peterson playground to make it available to groups for practices and possible events. The playground at this time is totally underutilized.

Furthermore, we continue to seek outside fundraising opportunities to supplement the Recreation Department’s budget.

Respectfully,

Robert W. Benton Jr., Chairman, Tana Babbitt, Jennifer Gallagher, Charles Hammond, Meredith Keach, William O’Neill, Derek Plaisted.
During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care Services, LLC, provided foot care and a hearing instrument consultant from Mass. Audiology conducted hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repairs at monthly clinics. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program, our weekly Tai-Chi, Yoga and Zumba classes. These classes were supported in part with state funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. We were fortunate to have fifty volunteers help us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our older residents including bingo, bridge, crafts, cribbage, games, Mah Jongg, recreational poker, Swedish weaving and quilting. Volunteers also helped us deliver meals on wheels to our homebound elders and assisted elders with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. Twenty-two older volunteers participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are thankful to the many individuals and groups who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support for the Frothingham Hall Community Center. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our elderly residents in September here at Frothingham Hall. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate continued their Turkey Brigade-to-Go and delivered Thanksgiving Dinners to a number of our elderly residents. Children, along with their families and teachers at the Easton Middle School provided wonderful gift bags for elders who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our older residents. We thank the Bristol County Sheriff’s Dept., the Easton Police Department and senior participants of TRIAD who provided a number of programs which promote the safety and wellbeing of our older residents.

Our part-time Outreach Coordinator made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elder Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called Food Stamps.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. We are pleased to have the current space at Frothingham Hall and look forward to working with town officials as plans proceed to upgrade the operating systems, create more efficient program space and restore the historic beauty of this wonderful building, so that it will be a true community center for many years to come.

For more information on programs and services, please contact Dolores Kent, COA director, at 508-238-3160 or by e-mail, dkent@easton.ma.us.

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During the year, we provided 8,303 rides on our lift-equipped shuttle vans for 224 elderly and disabled residents to a variety of local destinations including medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers, the community building at Parker Terrace and Frothingham Hall for Council on Aging programs. There was only a slight decrease in the number of rides compared with the previous year. However, the number of riders increased by 21% showing the importance of this service to our older and disabled residents. We continued our connection with the Brockton Area Transit Authority Dial-a-Bat (BAT) service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments and also provided early morning and late afternoon trips with federal funding from the New Freedom Fund initiative obtained through a BAT grant. Also through BAT, we applied for, and were granted Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) funds to replace our 2003 Dodge van. This new vehicle should be on the road by June 2013.

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Clerk Melanie Deware has continued her work on the Cemetery database. Clerk Deware has visited all town-owned cemeteries in recent years to verify records. An update of this database was completed in December. The Commission thanks Clerk Deware for her continued efforts in compiling, reviewing, and updating the town’s cemetery records.

Pine Grove Cemetery located at 5 Morse Road was gifted to the Town in 2009. In September 2011 the final legal work was completed and the Town became the official owner of Pine Grove Cemetery. In November 2012 a Request for Proposals for a Conservation and Development/Expansion Master Plan for Pine Grove Cemetery was issued. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded to the successful bidder in February 2013. The Commission has determined the need to obtain state and local funding sources to develop and restore Pine Grove Cemetery in order to allow the cemetery to continue to be used as burial site for Easton residents. The Commission estimates that there will be approximately 180 available burial plots in the future.

The Commission in connection with the Easton Lions formalized an Adopt- A-Cemetery Program. This program has been successful with approximately 25 town owned cemeteries being adopted by citizens and civic organizations. Further development of the program will provide training to those adopters who are interested in cleaning stones. All program participants are committed to insuring that our historic cemeteries are properly maintained.

We would like to thank DPW employees Paul O’Neil, Bill Casey, John Ames, and Steve Flaherty for the job in mowing and caretaking of the town-owned cemeteries.

We would also like to express our appreciation to town officials, department heads, and Easton residents for their support throughout the year.

The Commission can be reached by calling 508-230-0581.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Minsky, Chair
Melanie Deware, Clerk
Susan Henderson
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2012.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the sixteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the Regional Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan; the 911 Feasibility Study for eight communities; the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study; the 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; and, the Agency on Aging (AAA) recently completed a 2012 Elder Needs Assessment Survey project, and is in the process of developing the 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging. The Council also completed the FFY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study; the Old Colony Bottleneck Study; the Old Colony Climate Change and Roadway Runoff Study; and provided numerous Intersection/Technical Studies to member communities and continued participation in the South Coast Rail Taskforce and provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton, and Stoughton relevant to rail service. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program such as; regionalization of local services (Water, Wastewater, 911, Procurement, Sharing, Permitting, etc.), zoning bylaw revisions; expedited permitting; E-Permitting: Economic Target Area; assisted member communities in becoming Bio-Ready; Developed Housing Production Plans; Growth Impact Analysis; and Energy Zoning Bylaws update. During the past year, with the assistance and guidance from the AAA Advisory Committee, the OCPC-AAA administered more than $1.3 million in federal and state funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 90,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,441 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 584 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield and Stoughton. During 2012, the Council processed approximately $1.7 million in loans, for these communities, under the Septic Loan Program.

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Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
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The library had the sixth highest circulation in the 73 library SAILS consortium, testifying to the hard work put in by staff in the selecting, marketing, organizing, and disbursement of material. However as Albert Einstein noted “not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.” While the above statistics provide a quantitative sketch of library activity, the qualitative reality is far richer. Below is a snapshot of some of the things that could not be counted.

Library Attendance
Seniors gathered around newspapers and swapped news analyses. Students used in-house reference material for end-of-year projects. Caregivers read picture books to toddlers. Tutors conducted one-on-one sessions with their charges. Laptop users made the most of free wireless services to access online databases. Staff proctored online exam-takers. At least one thousand books and magazines were picked up from tables every quarter, testimony to their use within the library. In short, the ability of a public library to make every type of person feel equally entitled, enlivened and empowered was fully realized, as suggested by the more than 350 people who, on average, visited the library each day.

Programs
In addition to over 300 children’s programs and ‘Miss Cathie’s’ wildly popular storytelling and book discussion sessions held 26 times each month, adults too were offered a wide variety of informational, educational, and recreational programs. The majority of these programs were volunteered by Easton residents who not only had skills, but the generosity to share those skills with their neighbors at the library.

- The Foodie Group, under the stewardship of Easton residents Bobbie Anderson and Carolyn Cole, offered programs on extending the harvest, cheesecakes, beekeeping, seed saving techniques, bread baking, organic shopping, cranberries, holiday traditions, a field trip to Wegmans, a spectacular Middle Eastern feast by Hala Williams and an all-day workshop on wood fired oven making.
- The Author series saw talks by Deek Diedricksen, Kristi Marsh, Margot Livesey, Tom MacDonald, Kevin Symmons, Andrew Godstein, Ben Boone, Michael Keith, Cheryl Savageau, Deborah Hill, Rick Tulipano, A.M.Hodges, and Arnie Casavant.
- The Craft series, partially sponsored by the Easton Cultural Council, taught book art, rug hooking, necklace making, felting, and weaving.
- A new Beading Group was launched under the able guidance of staff member Debbie Adduci, while the Knitting Group started and managed by Kathy Korona continued its successful growth.
A series of twenty book discussion sessions were held through the year and featured fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction and classics.

In addition to one-on-one computer classes, monthly Tech Talks with Kevin Kidd, Brian O’Neill and others informed the community about E-books and Overdrive; the potential of community media outlets like ECAT and Patch, Google Maps, digital photo management, and web development.

Financial series featured talks on job hunting, social security, retirement planning, and college financing.

Informational series ranged from fado music, celestial navigation, mediation and Qi Gong to art at the MFA, cemetery symbolism and the history of fires by Capt. Jeffrey Webster of the Easton Fire department.

Educational workshops were presented on cancer, genealogy, color coordination, green cleaning, antiques appraisal, guitar playing, and dealing with identity theft.

Monthly screenings of first run movies by Whitney Brown; Foodie Group movies aimed at food awareness; and documentaries hosted by award-winning filmmaker, Gino del Guercio, continued through the year.

Walking tours with historian and naturalist, Ed Hands, were heavily attended.

“Where the community connects”
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- Southeast Rehabilitation Center – joint programming and hosting of monthly visitors from the Center with readings by volunteer, Nancy Carter.
- Oakes Ames Memorial Hall – hosting of programs including launch of Summer Reading initiative in June.
- Girl Scouts – collaborating with the Family Fun Day.
- Unity Church – worship in the Garden with use of library facilities.
- Easton Yoga Center – morning yoga in the Garden.
- High School Drama Group – staging of student-directed Midsummer Night’s Dream at Garden.
- Council of Aging – delivery of library material to homebound and monthly book discussions with Adult Services librarian, Ian Dunbar, at the COA location.
- SnapMass – national initiative in April, to capture the day in the life of the library through pictures and statistics.
- Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra – performance by members as the Halcyon Winds with Easton resident Steve Strauss.
- Easton Community Access Television presented the library with a “Partner of the Year” award for the many joint programming collaborations undertaken over the year. Library programs were filmed, archived and made available to the community through the ECAT site.
- Cathie Coyne hosted the MLS Youth Services Section, a monthly meeting of youth services librarians from the state.
- Lorraine Rubinacci hosted a pizza and ice cream party to thank over 400 library volunteers.
- To talk about potential collaborative programs in 2013 if the library were to get a Baby Boomer grant, Ian Dunbar and Joan Holt visited with over 80 residents at Quest-On-The-Pond. In addition, small business owners were invited to present what programs they might be able to offer; and 43 Easton boomers were invited for what turned out to be a stimulating evening of brainstorming on the needs of Boomers.
- The Bocce Court was inaugurated by resident George Balesitino to host a successful fundraiser for the Boston Children’s Hospital.
- Representatives from Stonehill College, that included Vice President for Advancement, along with other heads of departments, met with library representatives to discuss collaborative programs at the library.

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- Girl Scouts – collaborating with the Family Fun Day.
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- Easton Yoga Center – morning yoga in the Garden.
- High School Drama Group – staging of student-directed Midsummer Night’s Dream at Garden.
- Council of Aging – delivery of library material to homebound and monthly book discussions with Adult Services librarian, Ian Dunbar, at the COA location.
- SnapMass – national initiative in April, to capture the day in the life of the library through pictures and statistics.
- Sharon Community Chamber Orchestra – performance by members as the Halcyon Winds with Easton resident Steve Strauss.
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- Cathie Coyne hosted the MLS Youth Services Section, a monthly meeting of youth services librarians from the state.
- Lorraine Rubinacci hosted a pizza and ice cream party to thank over 400 library volunteers.
- To talk about potential collaborative programs in 2013 if the library were to get a Baby Boomer grant, Ian Dunbar and Joan Holt visited with over 80 residents at Quest-On-The-Pond. In addition, small business owners were invited to present what programs they might be able to offer; and 43 Easton boomers were invited for what turned out to be a stimulating evening of brainstorming on the needs of Boomers.
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Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2012. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2012 was almost 5% more than the total amount paid for 2011. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for forty six percent of the total income earned with the balance coming from interest income earned on fixed income securities and certificates of deposit.

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Our project continues its efforts year round. In the Fall and Winter seasons, our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams. Where feasible, we conduct open marsh management projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

During the time period January 1, 2012– December 31, 2012 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 15,030.7 acres
- Treated 22.7 acres in 76 locations with B.t.i. for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,826 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 4,235 feet of brush
- Treated 1,399 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including: speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational posters for distribution. Our Project has also recently created a website www.bristolcountymosquitocontrol.com to better communicate with and relate important information to our cities and towns.

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This past granting cycle we had 10 active members: Chair Christine Junge, Co-chair Debbie Newman, Secretary Peggy Flynn, Treasurer Richard Connolly, Frank Smith, Linda Paolucci, Peter Buhl, Kate Mensch, Carolyn Cole, and Inez Smz.

The Council received the same amount of funding from the state as last year—$5070. At one point this amount was higher, but it got cut due to state budget shortfalls, and as remained at this lowered amount. Obviously, the less money we receive, the less money we can give out to local artists and cultural programming. During October of 2012, the Council received thirty-two applications, requesting funding totaling $16,454. After a series of meetings and deliberations, including interviews with several of the applicants, we voted in December 2012 to approve twenty-one of those applications for a total of $5,212 (5070 from state + $142 from cash and past abandoned grant funds) for programs or performances to take place in 2013.

As it has for the past two years, the Easton Cultural Council held a LCO program of its own—The Easton Lantern Parade. This year’s event was held on Sat, August 25. It was moved inside because of the EEE scare. The Oakes Ames Hall generously lent us their building free of charge. The Council’s Lantern Walk began well before dusk at the Historical Society located at 80 Mechanic Street and preceded to the Hall, where there was music (performances by Wayne Potash and Jubilate Chorale), activities (such as face painting), and refreshments. It was estimated that over 100 people of all ages attended. Some of the funding for the walk came for the State Cultural Council. Local businesses such as Roche Bros., Shaws, a printing company, Jubilate Chorale, and others donated money, gift certificates, or their time to the event. This year, we plan to solicit sponsorship from a community bank.

Easton Cultural Council members are allowed to serve only six consecutive years. In June of 2012, two members had to step down because of this term limit. We were proactive and recruited members before this date, using ads in local newspapers and internet mailings. Today, with ten members, we don’t have a problem meeting the five member minimum that is in place in order to receive and distribute the annual state grant. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Christine Junge for information at: christinejunge@hotmail.com.

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2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

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The Committee continued to hold meetings on a monthly basis. Elections were held during our July meeting when I received the honor of being re-elected as Chair. Easton resident member Andrea Waldorf was also re-elected for a fifth term as Clerk. Members also include Board of Selectmen appointee Ellen Barlow, School Board Committee appointee Colleen Less, and resident and Town employee Karen Gallo. Following the resignation of original member Wendy Whitby, the Board of Selectmen appointed Easton resident Kerri Mullen to the Committee. After graduating from Oliver Ames High School student Hayley Kallfelz departed from her role in the Committee in July. The Committee thanks Wendy and Hayley for their contributions, and welcomes Kerri and new student representative Julia Mudd.

During 2012, the Committee continued to reach out to the community via a variety of media. The Committee thanks Easton’s Citizen Business Advocate, Connor Read, for posting and updating information on the Town website’s Green Communities Committee page. With input from the Committee, and Connor’s help, new member Kerri Mullen coordinated an online survey to examine public interest in rain barrels and compost bins. As the member of staff responsible for developing and maintaining the Easton Department of Public Works website, I continued to update the DPW’s “Green Page”.

Colleen Less was instrumental in organizing the Committee’s fall participation in Easton’s Back to School Nights. During this weeklong series of events members distributed flyers on MassSave (a free home energy assessment program), and circulated Committee materials. Members attended the 2012 NRT Harvest Fair where, regardless of rainy weather, outreach materials were distributed and residents signed up for the Green Bytes newsletter. This event served as an opportunity for the Committee to announce the launch of the Town’s partnership with Next Step Living, who shared the fair table and supplied a much needed tent. The goal of this partnership is to provide information to residents on the MassSave program. Several fairgoers signed up to learn more about the program’s free home energy audits.

The State’s Green Communities grant program continued to be a focal point of the green initiatives of the Town and the Committee this year. Easton received its official designation as a Massachusetts Green Community in 2010. Through this program the Town has been awarded $168,300 in grant monies to fund five energy efficiency projects. To satisfy the requirements of the program, and maintain our Green Community designation and grant eligibility, I composed and submitted quarterly progress reports, and Easton’s 2012 Green Community annual report, to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources.

Since receiving its initial Green Communities grant disbursements, the Town has been steadily progressing through contract and installation processes in order to execute its projects. The Town’s HVAC Technician and Electrician have completed the installation of energy efficient heating and lighting systems at the Town Offices, Police/Fire Station, and Middle School, and will soon finish a project at the Water Division.

The installation of energy efficient lights at the large High School gym was completed following a whole building assessment offered through the WBA National Grid program. The assessment was at no cost to the schools after recommended efficiency measures were implemented. Both gyms at the High School were upgraded with energy efficient lighting and sensors, funded in part through the Green Communities grant as well as with National Grid rebates.

The combined energy savings of these projects and prior building efficiency upgrades move Easton steadily towards reaching its goal of reducing energy consumption by 26% before the close of FY2014 (a criterion of the Town’s Green Community designation). In 2012 I monitored the Town’s energy consumption using spreadsheets and the State’s MassEnergyInsight online reporting program. Easton’s baseline energy year, from which consumption change is measured, is FY2009. While fiscal year 2011 showed a modest reduction of 3% from the baseline, FY2012 showed a significant reduction of about 17%. Easton’s overall...
energy reduction margin can be expected to continue to grow as a result of additional efficiency projects and behavioral changes being implemented throughout Easton’s municipal and school facilities. During 2012 I shared current green happenings at Committee meetings, produced and distributed newsletters and flyers, and participated in outreach activities, including exhibiting materials at the Water Division’s Open House in April. The Committee thanks Jack Marsh and the Water Division for welcoming us to their event. Throughout the year I attended sustainability events and organized meetings related to Easton’s green initiatives. I also had opportunities to present information to the Board of Selectmen on issues including energy reduction, community outreach, and an updated fuel efficient vehicle policy.

I wish to thank each of the Committee members: Ellen Barlow of the Board of Selectmen, Colleen Less of the School Committee, at-large members Karen Gallo, Kerri Mullen, and Clerk Andrea Waldorf, and student member Julia Mudd for your efforts thus far. Your concern for these issues is clear; your eagerness to address these matters, coupled with your ideas on how to do so, enables the Committee to succeed in its mission. I look forward to working with you all during 2013 in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Marie Edwards, Chair of the Easton Green Communities Committee
The Easton Agricultural Commission began its work in September 2011. The seven member board is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within Easton. The Commission generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

This first full year has been eventful. Shortly after forming, the Commission drafted a work plan, establishing goals and objectives. The first priority was to establish a right-to-farm bylaw aimed at creating a voluntary mediation process for disputes between farmers and other residents. The Town voted at 2012 Annual Town Meeting to adopt the bylaw. A second priority of the Commission’s first year was fact finding on ways to support Easton’s resurging farming community. Led by Nora Yousif the Commission reached out to the schools and food related businesses to learn better ways to promote opportunities for Easton’s farmers. The Commission’s third big achievement this year was moving the Easton Farmers’ Market to a highly visible and accessible location on Depot Street near the Five Corners. This move was aided by the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, who have hosted the Farmers Market at the Sheep Pasture the past fourteen years. The move proved very successful. Foot traffic increased substantially over the previous year’s Market, several new vendors joined the Market and one of the summer vendors, Christine Bertarelli of Simpson Spring, created a winter market at the Spring. This winter market has been very successful. A fourth goal of the Commission was the creation of a Community Garden at Wheaton Farm on Bay Road. Vice Chairman Todd Sandstrum has been instrumental in developing this project which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2013.

Revising its work plan at the end of 2012, the Commission agreed that developing an agricultural planning document would be valuable in guiding the Commission’s work over the next many years as well as a tool to help inform the new Master Plan process. The plan would address preservation of prime agricultural lands, revitalizing and sustaining agricultural businesses in town, promoting local agriculture and identifying other potential concerns. The Commission voted to seek CPA funding to develop the plan. The Commission is also seeking CPA funding to construct a parking lot at the new Community Gardens. The new parking area has been long-discussed with the Wheaton Farm Committee and Conservation Commission as an improvement over the current arrangement at Wheaton Farm. The Commission also voted to support the Great Pumpkin contest. Seeds, hybridized specifically to grow oversized, giant pumpkins, were provided to the school children of Easton to grow and bring to a weigh-in at the annual NRT Harvest Fest.

Original member Patty Lynch-Chambers resigned from the Commission and was replaced by Bridget Meigs, an Easton resident, who is the leader of Stonehill’s agricultural initiative. At the end of our first year our Secretary Nora Yousif also resigned. Nora made important contributions during her time on the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Hands, Chairman
Todd Sandstrum, Vice Chairman
Nora Yousif, Secretary
Bridget Meigs
Peter Palm
Sean Flynn
Rory O’Dwyer
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General Powers and Duties

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Marriage Licenses
The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person (except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated) at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is $50.00. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates
All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as “doing business as” or “DBA” certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The DBA files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the DBA certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate.

Easton maintains a database of DBA information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is $50.00.

Dog Licenses
All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of January annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is $10.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, $15.00 otherwise. A Late Fee of $5.00 per month is added if the dog is not licensed by March 1st or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist & Records Manager
Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.
**VITAL STATISTICS**

In 2012, The Town of Easton registered the following number of Vital events:

- Births: 173
- Deaths: 187
- Marriages: 74

**LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED**

In 2011 the Office issued the following number of Licenses and permits:

- Dog: 1978
- Business Certificate: 129
- Burial Permits: 96
- Yard Sale: 87
- Raffle: 5

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

In 2012 the office recorded the following:

- New Voters: 1713
- Change of Registration: 4374
- Deleted voters: 735
ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

Elections held in Easton in 2012 were as follows:

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY** - MARCH 6, 2012

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** - APRIL 24, 2012

**STATE PRIMARY** - SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

**STATE ELECTION** - NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Town Meetings held in Easton in 2012 were as follows:

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** - FEBRUARY 6, 2012

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** - MAY 21, 2012

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** - NOVEMBER 19, 2012

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 1
MOTIONED BY: Corona
SECONDED BY: Barlow
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUESRED VOTE: Majority
ACTION: Voted. Article Passes.

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2012
MEETING TYPE: Special Town meeting

Town of Easton
Office of the Town Clerk
136 Elm Street
Easton, MA 02356
Fax (508) 230-0539
Jeremy P. Gillis
Town Clerk

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galus called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012.

ARTICLE 1. MOBILE HOME PARK BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to approve that the following Chapter be added as a general Bylaw to the Code of the Town of Easton, subject to, and effective upon, authorization by the Massachusetts General Court, and subject to the insertion of the actual Chapter and Date in Section 1 of the Bylaw.

Chapter 168

MOBILE HOME PARKS

§ 168-1. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter _ of the Acts of __ (the "Acts"), for the regulation of rents for the use or occupancy of Mobile Home Park Sites in the Town, for the regulation of eviction of Mobile Home Park tenants, for the establishment of minimum standards for use and occupancy of mobile home park accommodations, for the registration by owners of mobile home parks, and for the establishment of a Rent Control Board with the powers and duties prescribed herein. In accordance with the Acts, this bylaw and any Rules and Regulations established heretofore exist to ensure equity in the cost of housing for residents of Mobile Home Parks.

§ 168-2. Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following words shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

A. Rent Board: the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board established therein.

B. Mobile Home: a dwelling unit that is transportable in one or more sections, built on a chassis and containing complete electrical, plumbing and sanitary facilities and designed to be installed on a temporary or permanent foundation for permanent living quarters. A Mobile Home may also be defined by reference to G.L. c. 140, §32Q or regulations promulgated hereunder.

C. Mobile Home Park: a lot or tract of land used for the Sites of two or more Mobile Homes provided, however that Mobile Home Park owned by and between all of the owners of the Mobile Homes in the Park shall not be regulated by this bylaw.

D. Site(s): the land underneath a Mobile Home and the associated lot rented or available for rent from the Mobile Home Park owner or licensee or in the event that the owner of the Mobile Home Park or licensee owns the Mobile Home, the actual Mobile Home and associated lot.

E. Rules and Regulations: rules and regulations promulgated by the Rent Board.

§ 168-3. Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board

There is hereby established a Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board consisting of five (5) residents of Easton, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of five (5) years, provided, however that of the members first appointed to the Board one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years,
The Superior Court Department shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this bylaw, and any Rules and Regulations established hereunder, and may restrain violations thereof.

The Taunton Division of the District Court Department shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the Superior Court Department, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws. Any and all parties aggrieved by the action(s) of those provisions relating to judicial review of an agency order.

The provisions of Chapter 30A of the General Laws shall be applicable to the Rent Board as if the Board were an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including those provisions giving agencies the power to issue, vacate, modify and enforce subpoenas and those provisions relating to judicial review of an agency order.

The personnel, if any, of the rent board established under section two shall not be subject to Section 9A of Chapter 30 of the General Laws or chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

The Uxbridge Division of the District Court Department shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the Superior Court Department, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws. Any and all parties aggrieved by the action(s) of the Rent Board may institute an action as provided herein.

The Supreme Court Department shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this bylaw, and any Rules and Regulations established hereunder, and may restrain violations thereof.

Penalties

Violations of this bylaw or any order of the Rent Board shall be punishable a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

Steadfastness

If any provision of this bylaw or the application of such bylaw to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of other provisions of this bylaw or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be thereby affected; additionally, the invalid provision shall be interpreted and applied until amended by the appropriate body to the fullest extent applicable under Massachusetts law and regulations.

TOWN OF EASTON, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 02/06/2012 ARTICLE 1 MOBILE HOME BYLAW
Motion: I move to amend the Town’s General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 165, entitled Mobile Home Parcs, the provisions of which are printed in the warrant, excepting that the first sentence of Section 165-2, as appearing in the warrant, shall be replaced with:

There is hereby established a Mobile Home Rent Control Board consisting of five (5) residents of Easton. The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the initial Board hereunder but may elect to appoint other residents. Should the Selectmen appoint other residents, the new members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years, provided however that of the members first appointed to the Board by the Selectmen, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one (1) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, one shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and one shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years.

And, said Bylaw is to be effective only upon the passage of the Special Act referenced in Section 168-1 thereof, with the identifying Chapter and year of said Special Act to be inserted in Section 168-1 upon passage.

Explanation: At Town Meeting in May, 2011, voters approved a citizen petition requesting that the state authorize the Town to regulate rents and evictions in the Easton’s mobile home community. Approval of this article will allow the Town to do so when the Legislature grants its approval. Timothy Harrigan, Community Planner, will provide further explanation on behalf of the Selectmen.

Vote Required: Majority

Voted Article Passes.
A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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ARTICLE 2. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL EASEMENT
To see if the Town, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen, will vote to grant and accept a permanent easement, or to take the same by eminent domain and to appropriate of a sum of funds therefore, in association with the Safe Routes to School Program, said easement to secure a right-of-way for and to the F.L. Olmsted School, H.H. Richardson School, Parkview School and Easton Middle School, as shown on the Plans prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, dated January 11, 2012, as may be amended, said plans to be placed on file with the Town Clerk's Office no later seven days before the Special Town Meeting, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary deeds, easements, agreements or other documents to effectuate such grant.

Or to act or do anything in relation thereto. Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectmen: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town grant and accept a permanent easement, in association with the Safe Routes to School Program, said easement to secure a right-of-way for and to the F.L. Olmsted School, H.H. Richardson School, Parkview School and Easton Middle School, as shown on the Plans prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, dated January 11, 2012, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any necessary deeds, easements, agreements or other documents to effectuate such grant.

Explanation: This article is intended to satisfy State and Federal requirements for the funding of walkway construction for the schools listed in the article. No land will or easements in land will be given to any third party. The affected land is already in town ownership.

Vote Required: 2/3

ARTICLE PASSES. DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 3. AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET

To vote if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to amend the fiscal year 2012 budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $118,177 to supplement the following fiscal year 2012 budgets:

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and further, that to meet this appropriation, funds shall be transferred from fiscal year 2012 budgets as follows:

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Explanation: This article will amend the FY2012 budget to make adjustments to cover a portion of a "5% payroll" and several departmental shortfalls. Last year, the town funded 60% of '5% payroll' that occurs every five years. The remaining 20% attributable to fiscal 2012, must now be addressed. Individual departments have absorbed their share whereas possible. The net amount to be appropriated is $22,522. The police department is also in need of additional funds in the amount of $15,040 to hire additional dispatchers for the remainder of the year to meet state certification requirements. $6,200 for mandated dispatch training, $8,292 to cover a sick leave buyback resulting from a retirement and $55,009. To cover increased overtime resulting from several extended injuries. The fire department is also in need of $10,000 to cover expenditures related to the reinstatement of a new fire chief and $6,216 to cover additional costs related to retirement buybacks.

ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 4. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be transferred to the stabilization fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move to transfer the sum of $133,924 from available funds received from the State to the stabilization fund.

Explanation: This article will transfer a supplemental aid distribution received in the fall from the state into the stabilization fund for future use.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTESTED:
Jeremy P. Gillis, Town Clerk

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DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 5. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move to appropriate by transfer from free cash, the sum of $245 to pay the cost of a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year.

Explanation: This appropriation will pay for one outstanding bill in the amount of $245 from Aftermath, Inc. which was incurred by the police department.

Vote Required: 9/10

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 9/10 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

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**ARTICLE 6. GENERATOR FOR TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a generator and all related appurtenances for the Easton Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $85,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator and all related appurtenances for the Easton Town Offices, and that to meet this appropriation, $45,000 shall be transferred from the FY2012 Maturing Debt and Interest Budget and $40,000 shall be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate account.

Explanation: Power outages related to storms have resulted in the Town Offices being closed for several days over the last year. Extended outages which have occurred locally from Hurricane Irene and the Halloween snowstorm have further highlighted this critical need.

Vote Required: Majority

VOTED. ARTICLE PASSES.

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To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to appropriate a sum of money by borrowing pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B, §11, for the purpose of conducting additional natural and historical resources analysis of potential groundwater recharge sites; conducting additional soil and groundwater testing, survey and wetland delineation; analytical modeling of groundwater recharge capacity and moundling; attendance at meetings required to further regional initiatives, preparation of preliminary engineering plans for recommended alternatives, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to carry out said project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $110,100 for the purpose of conducting additional natural and historical resources analysis of potential groundwater recharge sites; conducting additional soil and groundwater testing, survey and wetland delineation; analytical modeling of groundwater recharge capacity and moundling; attendance at meetings required to further regional initiatives, preparation of preliminary engineering plans for recommended alternatives, and further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $110,100 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out said project on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2010, the Town of Easton voted to authorize a Phase II Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). Further work is required to complete the CWMP. A presentation will follow regarding the CWMP and the additional work.

Vote Required: 2/3 (borrowing)

Declared 2/3 Vote Majority by Moderator Galas. ARTICLE PASSES.

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### TOWN MEETING ACTION

**Town of Easton**
Office of the Town Clerk
136 Elm Street
Easton, MA 02356
Phone (508) 230-0530
Fax (508) 230-6500

**MEETING DATE:** February 6, 2012
**MEETING TYPE:** Special Town Meeting

**ARTICLE #:** 8
**MOTIONED BY:** Noonan
**SECONDED BY:** Corona
**SELECTMEN:** Recommended
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended
**REQUIRED VOTE:** 2/3 Majority
**ACTION:** Declared 2/3 Majority, ARTICLE PASSES

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**ARTICLE 8, RC SHOVEL WORKS GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

To me as the Town will vote to grant a non-exclusive perpetual easement to RC Shovel Works LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal place of business in Beacon Community, 100 High Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116 ("RC Shovel Works"), said easement to be located beneath Sullivan Avenue near its intersection with Pond Street and Mechanic Street for the purpose of a storm water outfall pipe/drain line that is approximately eighteen inches (18") in diameter and is as shown on an plan entitled "Grading and Drainage Plan" labeled "Draining CS 3" prepared for Ames Shovel Works Apartments, North Easton, MA by Prelliitis / Chilinski Associates, Inc. dated February 25, 2011 and Town of Easton "Mechanic/Pond/Sullivan Area Drainage Map" dated January 2012, which said plans are on file with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to negotiate and enter into any and all documents necessary in effectuate said grant of easement.

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Explanation: The existing drainage piping, located in the right of way of Sullivan Ave and Mechanic Street, under Mechanic Street, and in the right of way of Pond Street, contains a drainage pipe that conveys stormwater from the Ames Shovel Works to an outfall adjacent to Pond Street. This pipe has been in existence for over 100 years, however, due to changes in stormwater management laws and policies, it is necessary for the Town to grant a legal easement to the owners of the Ames Shovel Works property to use the pipe in the public right-of-way.

Voted Required: 2/3

Declared 2/3 Vote Majority by Moderator Galas. ARTICLE PASSES.

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### TOWN MEETING ACTION

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136 Elm Street
Easton, MA 02356
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Voted Required: 2/3

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ARTICLE 9. DONATION OF LAND

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of land located off of Pond Street currently owned by Elizabeth M Ames and being a portion of Plot 2 as shown on Easton Assessor’s Map U17 and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 1549, Page 1055 more commonly known as Shovel Shop Pond and Shovel Shop Dam. Included in the donation will be the grant of easements to the Town of Easton for the purposes of maintaining, repairing and preserving Shovel Shop Pond, Shovel Shop Dam, spillways and Appurtenant Works as defined by 302 CMR 10.00 Dam Safety by the Town of Easton. Said acceptance is subject to a Certificate of Compliance from the Commissioner in accordance with said regulations. Said acceptance is also subject to the recording of a plan depicting the easement locations at Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move to dismiss this article.

Explanation: Ownership of the Shovel Shop Pond (“Pond”) and Shovel Shop Dam (“Dam”) will allow the Town to control the water of levels and minimize potential environmental impacts to downstream ponds and streams. The Pond and Dam will be an additional component of the system of dams and waterways currently owned by the Town of Easton. The article is being dismissed due to the fact that, under Massachusetts law, the donation of this land does not require Town Meeting approval.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

VOTED. ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE PASSES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS  MONDAY, MAY 21 2012
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ARTICLE 2. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ for the following:

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or take any other action with respect thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
ARTICLE 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

- Board of Selectmen, each member $1,800
- Board of Health, each member $1,000
- Board of Assessors, each member $1,800
- Moderator $ 100

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Selectman: Corona

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

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ARTICLE 4. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT
To see if the Town will vote to rescind $150,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 28 of the May 15, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to June 12, 2006, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of repainting a water tank, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $150,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 28 of the May 15, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, adjourned to June 12, 2006, said funding originally appropriated for the purpose of repainting a water tank, but no longer needed as the project is complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

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ARTICLE 5. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind $160,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 23 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for school boiler and roof replacements, but no longer needed as the projects are complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $160,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 23 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for school boiler and roof replacements, but no longer needed as the projects are complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

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Jeremy P Gillis, Town Clerk

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ARTICLE 6. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT
To see if the Town will vote to rescind $20,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for repairs to Long Pond Dam, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $20,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for repairs to Long Pond Dam, but no longer needed as the project is complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 7. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT
To see if the Town will vote to rescind $55,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for the purchase of departmental vehicles and equipment, but no longer needed as the project is complete, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Barlow MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Corona

I move that the Town vote to rescind $55,000 of the borrowing authorized under article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated for the purchase of departmental vehicles and equipment, but no longer needed as the project is complete.

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Selectmen Recommendation:  Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation:  Recommended

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ARTICLE 8. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in anticipation of the reimbursement authorized for the State’s share of the cost of work to be done under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the Town’s annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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Submitted by Board of Selectmen

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Vote Required: Simple Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE

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ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Recreation Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the ”Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund”, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies, services, and equipment as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the purpose of maintaining recreational fields for the Town of Easton, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, equipment, and implementation costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the operation and maintenance of recreational fields for the Town of Easton;
2. Only fees, receipts and donations received in connection with recreational field usage and related activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Recreation Department shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2013, ”Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund”, shall not exceed $50,000.

and further, to transfer a sum of money from available mitigation funds for startup costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Recreation Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the ”Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund” as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: In 2002 the Town received mitigation funds from a developer in the amount of $50,000 in lieu of constructing a playing field. Since that time the account has gained over $10,000 in interest and has a current balance of $60,822.77. The Town has several recreational fields including Peterson, Pine Street, Unionville, Torie’s Place Park and Edwin Keach Park and limited funds for their proper maintenance. The purpose of this revolving fund would be to provide necessary periodic field maintenance in accordance with a schedule to be developed by the Department of Public Works. The fund would be established with the available mitigation funds and replenished through fees and donations accumulated by the Recreation Commission.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTESTED:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 10. AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND FOR BOARD OF HEALTH VACCINATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the “Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund”, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Health Department for the purpose of purchasing and administering vaccinations for the Town of Easton, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board of Health Department for the Town of Easton.
2. Only fees and receipts received in connection with vaccination activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Board of Health Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2013, “Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund”, shall not exceed $5,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Health Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2013, known as the “Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund” as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The creation of this fund will allow the Board of Health to purchase and administer vaccines with funds received from billing insurance companies. This will allow for earlier and increased vaccinations as the supply of State provided vaccine continues to shrink and arrive later in the season.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board of Health Department for the Town of Easton.
2. Only fees and receipts received in connection with vaccination activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Board of Health Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2013, “Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund”, shall not exceed $5,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

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ARTICLE 11 - TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectmen: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $560,112.73 from Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Trust Fund receipts into the Stabilization Fund.

Explanation: The Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group recently voted to refund $560,112.73 to the Town of Easton. This trust fund was established in the early 1990’s from contributions paid by participating communities. Currently, the fund has $2,764,623.54 as a balance. Easton’s share is 20.26% or $ 560,112.73. The funds are available for distribution because the SMHG has built reserves of over $11M which are sufficient by industry standards.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS  MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

ARTICLE PASSES
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ARTICLE 12. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGETS
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2012 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $10,000 to supplement the fiscal year 2012 Reserve Fund and that to meet this appropriation, $10,000 be transferred from the fiscal year 2012 Employee Benefits and Insurance budget.

Explanation: The fiscal year 2012 reserve fund is almost depleted. These funds will allow for additional transfers to be made through year end, should any be necessary.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ARTICLE PASSES
ARTICLE 13. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 13.

Explanation: There are no prior year bills at this time.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
ARTICLE 14. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR AND PREVENTION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $5,000 to fund a contract for fiscal year 2013 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000 by transfer from available funds to fund a contract for fiscal year 2013 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: We have appropriated funds for this purpose for many years and propose that we continue to make these essential services available in the community.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
### TOWN MEETING ACTION

**ARTICLE 15. FUND SICK LEAVE BUYBACK REQUESTS AS REQUIRED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

| Selectman: | Gornstein |
| Motion: | I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $44,000 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract.

Explanation: This article will fund the buyback of accumulated sick time for several members of the police union who have opted to purchase their time in fiscal 2013, rather than upon retirement at higher rates.

Submit Motion: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES
ARTICLE 16. FY 2013 OPERATING BUDGET
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $67,370,965 of which $62,543,767 shall be raised by taxation, $1,100,000 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $34,709 shall be transferred from the Solid Waste & Recycling User Fees all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2013 as follows:

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Vote Required: Simple Majority

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required: Majority (no borrowing or stabilization)

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required: Majority (no borrowing or stabilization)

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
### TOWN MEETING ACTION

#### ARTICLE 17. APPROVE FUNDING FOR POLICE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Easton Police Association if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Selectman:** Corona

**Motion:** I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Easton Police Association, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Police Department’s Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

**Explanation:** This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Police Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $39,000.

**DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES**

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**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

**JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK**

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#### ARTICLE PASSES

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS  MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

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**140**
A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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ARTICLE 18. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS' CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Southeastern Public Employees Association/Easton Public Safety Dispatchers’ Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Easton Public Safety Dispatchers’ Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Public Safety Dispatch Department’s Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Public Safety Dispatchers Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $6,000.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JERRY P. GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE PASSES
ARTICLE 19. APPROVE FUNDING FOR DPW UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 19.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

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Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 19.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED
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ARTICLE 20. Approve funding for Clerical Union contract

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Town Clerical Employees’ Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/Town Clerical Employees’ Unit, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funded in the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Clerical Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $11,000.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES
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ARTICLE 21. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNION CONTRACT
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Town of Easton Professional Administrative Employees’ Association if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve funding for the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Town of Easton Professional Administrative Employees’ Association, such agreement to be effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, with costs for Fiscal Year 2013 being funding in the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.

Explanation: This approves funding for the first year cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Professional Administrative Union. The contract provides for cost of living adjustments of 1% on July 1, 2012, 1% on January 1, 2013, 2% on July 1, 2013 and 3% on July 1, 2014. Funding is included in the FY13 operating budget and is approximately $22,000.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P. Gillis, Town Clerk

ARTICLE PASSES
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**ARTICLE 22. APPROVE FUNDING FOR LOCAL 2790 I.A.F.F. (FIREFIGHTERS)**  
**CONTRACT**  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money needed to fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Local 2790 I.A.F.F. if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 22.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.  

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED

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**CONTRACT**  
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Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 22.

Explanation: Negotiations for a new contract are still ongoing at this time.  

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE DISMISSED
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ARTICLE 23. REPORT AND FY 2013 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2013 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

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Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues and Community Housing Reserves where noted, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as printed in your warrant. Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2013 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Recommended amounts to be funded from estimated revenues for FY13 unless otherwise specified. Estimated revenues for FY13 total $41,150,000.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE-COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

ARTICLE PASSES
### TOWN MEETING ACTION

**ARTICLE 24. CPA FUNDING - AMES FREE LIBRARY**

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $70,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding repairs and/or replacement of the roof for the Ames Free Library, located at 53 Main Street and listed on Assessors Map U16 as Lot 8; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $70,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the restoration of the roof for the Ames Free Library, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $70,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the restoration of the roof for the Ames Free Library, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed work includes the restoration of the Children’s Library including masonry repairs, installing new clay tiles, gutters, downspouts, and other waterproofing measures.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES
ARTICLE 25. CPA FUNDING - EASTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $38,587 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of exterior restoration work at the Easton Children's Museum, located at 9 Sullivan Avenue and listed on Assessors Map U16 as Lot 141; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, as printed and described in your warrant.

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $38,547 of which $20,186 shall be transferred from Historic Preservation Reserves and $18,401 shall be transferred from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the exterior restoration of the Easton Children's Museum, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at the Easton Children's Museum includes masonry repairs to the historic chimney, repairing the wood siding on the base of the tower, replacing the gatters and restoring the original fire station doors.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.
ARTICLE 26. CPA FUNDING - TOWN OFFICES

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $120,900 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding preservation and repairs at the Town Offices, located at 136 Elm Street and listed on Assessors Map U12 as Lot 20; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $120,900 from Historic Preservation Reserves to fund the exterior restoration of the Town Offices, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at the Town Offices includes masonry repairs on all of the historic chimneys and the historic wall on the eastern portion of the building.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.
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ARTICLE 27. CPA FUNDING FOR GOVERNOR AMES ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate $500,000 by transfer from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding a conservation restriction on the property known as the Governor Ames Estate, located at 35 Oliver Street, 23 and 27 Sullivan Avenue, 105 Elm Street, and 59 Pond Street, and listed on Assessors Map 12U as Lots 16 and 17; Map 16U as Lots 130 and 131; and Map 17 as Lot 2; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey such restrictions, as required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any gifts with respect to the purchase of said restrictions, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $500,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to fund the purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey such restriction, as required under G.L. c. 44B; as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The Trustees of Reservations is working to acquire the Governor Ames Estate in order to protect the historic and natural resources on the site. The Trustee’s appraisal will preserve approximately 30+ acres of open space and existing historic structures. The total cost of the project is approximately $4 million, with approximately $2 million to fund the purchase of the property and another $2 million to fund the public access improvements and ongoing stewardship obligations. In 2011, Annual Town Meeting approved $500,000 in CPA funds towards the purchase of a conservation restriction. The Trustees are requesting an additional $500,000 in CPA funds towards the purchase of the conservation restriction. The CPA fund would be reimbursed for this requested appropriation by a LAND grant, in the amount of $500,000, that the Town was recently awarded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
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**ARTICLE 28. FUNDING FOR REVALUATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2014 State Certified Revaluation including annual interim updates, cyclical inspections or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Assessors

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2014 State Certified Revaluation as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town is required to have its property values certified by the State Department of Revenue every three years. The state certification is scheduled for FY14, requiring the work to be completed in FY13. The additional workload will be managed using supplementary consulting services.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

[Signature]

JEREMY P. GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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Submitted by Board of Assessors

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $40,000 to pay for expenses related to the FY2014 State Certified Revaluation as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town is required to have its property values certified by the State Department of Revenue every three years. The state certification is scheduled for FY14, requiring the work to be completed in FY13. The additional workload will be managed using supplementary consulting services.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

[Signature]

JEREMY P. GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012**

**ARTICLE PASSES**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ARTICLE IN FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Selectmen recommend approval of the FY 2013 Capital Budget, an annual spending plan for construction and acquisition to improve and enhance the Town's community facilities, as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommendation:     Recommended
Selectmen Recommendation:    Recommended
Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,112,130 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2013 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.
Selectman:  Gornstein MOVED SECONDED BY Selectman Noonan

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ARTICLE #29: MOTIONED BY: GORNSTEIN  NOONAN
SECONDED BY: SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE:   Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE:  2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

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ARTICLE 30. MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT/REPAIR

To vote the Town shall enter into a tenant-appropriate agreement by lease with available funds or funds borrowed pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 46 or M.G.L. Ch. 167, SS. 68 or any other enabling authority, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Municipal Building Committee for the purpose of replacing and/or repairing the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and other costs incurred or related thereto (the “Project”) which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town Acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non- entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen tenths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. And further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to carry out the Project.

SELECTED BY: School Committee

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the amount of one million, five hundred thousand (1,500,000) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement and/or repair of the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and all other costs incurred or related thereto (the “Project”) which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town Acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen tenths percent (50.16%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA. And further, that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to take any other action necessary to carry out said project, or to carry out the Project.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED UNANIMOUS 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P. GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
ARTICLE 31. SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto:

Submitted by Board of Health

Selectman Corona MOTIONED, Seconded by Selectman Barlow that:

Motion: I move that $1,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to continue its betterment program through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust to assist homeowners with upgrading failed septic systems through a low interest loan. Last year’s program was very successful; $200,000 was approved and funded 8 projects within three months. Two more projects await further funding. Passage of this article will allow for continued promotion and success of this program.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

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ARTICLE 32. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ACTUARIAL VALUATION
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town’s unfunded post employment benefits liability, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the town appropriate the sum of $10,000 to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town’s unfunded post employment benefits liability and that to meet this appropriation, $3,100 shall be transferred from account 01.135.015.6263 voted pursuant to Article 30 of the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting and $6,900 shall be transferred from Overlay Surplus.

Explanation: The actuarial valuation is a financial reporting requirement that the Town must comply with. It will determine the estimated unfunded liability for post-employment benefits other than pensions, which are primarily health insurance benefits. The valuation is good for two years and the estimated cost is $10,000.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 33. AMEND SMOKING BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 195 of the General Bylaws in the following manner.

Replace § 195-3 which reads:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 195 of the General Bylaws in the following manner:

ARTICLE #: MOTIONED BY: SECONDED BY: SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE: REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY

33 CORONA BARLOW Recommended MAJORITY

ACTION: DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

Returning the following definition:

PUBLIC PLACE – Any building or facility owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Town including: schools; police and fire stations; libraries; museums; theaters; auditoriums; police and fire departments; public libraries; public restrooms; lobbies; staircases; halls; public entrances; elevators accessible to the public; licensed child-care facilities; bars/lounges; restaurants; function hall/function rooms; healthcare facilities; retail food stores and retail stores. The following are specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place:

A. Inn, hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as “Smoking” rooms.

B. Function halls/function rooms when they are being used for a private social function in which the sponsor of the private function chooses the persons in attendance.

With the following definition:

PUBLIC PLACE – (1) Any building, facility or land owned, leased, operated or occupied by the Town including: schools, Town Hall; Town owned land held specifically for the purpose of conservation and/or active and passive recreation such as conservation land, playing fields, hiking and walking trails; (2) Any building or facility opened to the general public including: libraries, museums, theaters, auditoriums; indoor Sports Facilities; inns; hotels, motels; educational facilities; shopping malls; public restrooms; lobbies; staircases; halls; existing; entrances; elevators accessible to the public; licensed child-care facilities; bars/lounges; restaurants; function halls/function rooms; healthcare facilities; retail food stores and retail stores. The following are specifically excluded from the definition of Public Place:

A. Inn, hotel and motel rooms rented to guests and designated as “Smoking” rooms.

B. Function halls/function rooms when they are being used for a private social function in which the sponsor of the private function chooses the persons in attendance.

C. Public ways and sidewalks adjacent thereto, owned and maintained by the Town.

Replace § 195-3 which reads:

This chapter is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. c. 43B, § 13. The Board of Health is delegated hereby the responsibility and authority to enforce and administer this chapter, including without limitation, the power to: investigate and respond to complaints, conduct inspections, hold hearings, and assess fines. The Board may re-delegate such aspects of chapter administration to employees or agents of the Board as it may from time-to-time determine.

With the following:

This chapter is adopted in accordance with the authority granted, inter alia, by Amendment 89 to Article II of the Massachusetts Constitution and M.G.L. c. 43B, § 13. The Board of Health is delegated hereby the responsibility and authority to enforce and administer this chapter, including without limitation, the power to: investigate and respond to complaints, conduct inspections, hold hearings, and assess fines. The Board may re-delegate such aspects of chapter administration to employees or agents of the Board as it may from time-to-time determine.
The changes will also give power to the Easton Police Department to enforce this Bylaw without needing to be further delegated by the Board of Health.

Public ways and sidewalks have been specifically excluded from this definition.

Further this change will ensure a smoke free environment at the playing fields where children and adults congregate.

Explanation: The definition of a public place has been expanded to include those lands held by the town that are used for active and passive recreation.

Motion: I move to amend Chapter 195 of the Town’s General Bylaws, as applicable to smoking in “Public Places,” as printed in the warrant.

Selectman: Corona

Submitted by Board of Health

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 34. RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 189, recognizing the right to farm, as follows:

Section 189 - Agricultural Commission

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent The purpose and intent of this by-law is to establish a right to farm as is supported by the Commonwealth under Article 95 of the Constitution, and state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9; Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128, Section 1A.

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Easton by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with drudges and town agencies. This by-law shall apply to all lands within the Town of Easton.

Section 2 Definitions

The word “farm” shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory uses thereto. For the purposes of this Bylaw, a farm must meet the definitions contained in G.L. c. 61A, §§1-3; and contain at least two acres; and have annual revenues of at least $1,000. In addition to these requirements, the following shall apply:

The words “farming” or “agriculture” or their derivatives shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- Dairying;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organisms of plants and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- Conducting agricultural-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used exclusively for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 189, recognizing the right to farm, as follows:

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- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used exclusively for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.
A Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Easton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night and by day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices.

The benefits and protections of this by-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. The foregoing agricultural activities must be in conformance with applicable federal, state laws and local rules and regulations, to which reference is made as to more specific rights and obligations of the agricultural community and the Town.

Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-Law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulations, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law. Nothing herein may be construed to supersede the requirements of the State Zoning Act, local Zoning Bylaws, the State Wetlands Protection Act or the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective, the Board of Selectmen shall prominently post in the Town Hall and through its electronic media outlets:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include but are not limited to activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers and occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

The following procedure is hereby encouraged to enhance early and effective resolution of farm related issues:

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm is encouraged to, prior to filing a formal complaint, file an informal complaint (grievance) with the Selectmen, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Conservation Commission, or Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer, Selectmen, and/or Conservation Commission, as the case may be, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Easton Agricultural Commission or its agent which/who shall review and attempt to mediate the grievance and report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate Town authority for further action within an agreed upon time. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent which/who shall review and mediate the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time.

Nothing herein may be construed to decrease, diminish or otherwise affect the statutory and/or equitable powers of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Conservation Commission, Board of Health or Selectmen in the enforcement or policing of the issues under their respective jurisdictions.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this by-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this by-law.

Section 7 Adoption of Regulations

The Agricultural Commission may from time to time adopt regulations and rules not inconsistent with this by-law.

Or take any other action in relation thereto. Submitted by Agricultural Commission

Selectmen: Barlow

Motion: I move to amend the Town’s General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 189, entitled “Agricultural Commission,” the text of which is printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Easton has a long history as an agricultural community. A right-to-form bylaws will help ensure agricultural activities are supported within the Town by advocating for farmers and promoting a beneficial relationship between the agricultural community and the non-farming residents of Easton.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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ARTICLE 38. AMEND ZONING MAP
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2011 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space:

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and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectmen: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town’s Zoning Map and Section 3-2 of the Zoning By Law to reference and incorporate the changes shown on the zoning map dated May 21, 2012 as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The Town acquired the Chestnut Street and Howard Street parcels for open space and recreation. The Hoe Shop Street and Main Street parcels were erroneously labeled as Municipal/Open Space on previous versions of the Zoning Map. With this change the zoning will reflect the actual land use.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE Passes

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

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**ARTICLE 36. AMEND ZONING MAP**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 16, 2011 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone a portion of the following property as follows:

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Selectman: Barlow

Motion:

Explanation: The property owner is requesting to expand the Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District (SPOD) onto approximately 15 acres of his property at 120 Poquanticut Avenue.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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ARTICLE 37. PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following permanent easements depicted as "Proposed Public Utility Easements" on a plan entitled "Easement Overview Plan" dated April, 2012, prepared by Woodard & Curran, 980 Washington Street, Suite 325N Dedham, Massachusetts, and on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

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ARTICLE 37. PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following permanent easements depicted as "Proposed Public Utility Easements" on a plan entitled "Easement Overview Plan" dated April, 2012, prepared by Woodard & Curran, 980 Washington Street, Suite 325N Dedham, Massachusetts, and on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

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Selectman: Noonan

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Explanation: The Easements listed above are necessary to install sewers in the North Easton Village neighborhood and to establish a permanent pedestrian passage from Main Street to the Town parking lot in the rear.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLES, TOWN CLERK

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Selectman: Noonan

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17 U 41 156 Main Street. Utility Easement coordinated with existing easement on Mechanic Street and septic system easement on 17U-66.

17 U 100 215 Main Street. Utility Easement

17 U 164 230 Main St. Utility Easement for Sewer Pumping Station

17 U 64 6 Mechanic St. Utility Easement

17 U 47 15R Mechanic St. Utility Easement

16 U 136 43 Mechanic St. Utility Easement

16 U 134 72-74 Pond St Utility Easement

16 U 142 5 Sullivan Ave. Utility Easement

16 U 141 9 Sullivan Ave. Utility Easement

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ARTICLE 38. FUNDING FOR MASTER PLAN

To set the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $50,000, for the preparation of a town-wide Master Plan.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectmen: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of $50,000 for the purpose of preparing a town-wide Master Plan as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will provide the necessary funding to begin preparing a comprehensive update to the Master Plan which was adopted and last updated in 1971. The updated Master Plan will provide the framework to support the Town’s goals outlined in Easton’s Community Vision Plan.

Critical components of the Master Plan will include land use, environmental protection and sustainability, historic preservation, economic development, transportation and housing. The project will be directed by the Planning and Zoning Board with day-to-day project management provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development. The scope for the Master Plan project includes services from a planning consulting firm that will assist the Department staff by providing technical expertise that will assist with the preparation of the plan and engaging the public in this comprehensive plan update. This article will provide half of the funding for the Master Plan project. The remainder of the funding necessary to complete the project will be requested at the next Town Meeting.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning Board Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.
## TOWN MEETING ACTION

### ARTICLE 39. LEASE OF LANDFILL

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property which is the former landfill located at 114 Prospect Street, Town of Easton Assessor’s parcel number is 16R-17 for a term of up to twenty years on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

**Selectman:** Noonan

**Motion:** I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property which is the former landfill located at 114 Prospect Street, Town of Easton Assessor’s parcel number is 16R-17 for a term of up to twenty years on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** In September 2011, the Town of Easton issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease a portion of the Town-owned former landfill property located at 114 Prospect Street to a developer to design, permit, construct, own and operate a commercial or utility class solar installation for the purpose of creating renewable electrical energy.

**Vote Required:** Majority

**DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES**

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### A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

[Signature]

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Net Metering Power Sales Agreement on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town for a term of 20 years pursuant to G.L. c. 25A §11C for the purchase of energy related to the development of a 1.75 MW +/- solar facility to be located at the site of the former landfill at 114 Prospect Street, Town of Easton Assessor’s parcel number is 16R-17, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Net Metering Power Sales Agreement for a term of 20 years as printed and described in your warrant

Explanation: After a comprehensive review of proposals submitted in response to the RFP to lease a portion of the former landfill site located at 114 Prospect Street, the Board of Selectmen voted to designate Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. as the preferred solar developer. The Town Administrator and Town Counsel have been negotiating with the developer on the net metering agreement. Net metering is an electricity policy which allows utility customers to offset some or all of their energy use with self-produced renewable energy.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE Passes

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

ARTICLE Passes
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ARTICLE 41. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION / AMES SHOVEL WORKS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive and hold a Conservation Restriction from BC Shovel Works, LLC for portions of the property located at the Ames Shovel Works, 26, 28 and 34 Main Street and 13 Oliver Street, Easton as more fully set forth on a plan entitled “Ames Shovel Works Conservation Restriction and Easement Plan” dated April 21, 2011, and shown on that plan as “Open Space Area 3” and the area indicated as land “N/F of Massachusetts Electric, 1323/263” which is adjacent to Open Space Area 1 which said plan is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk, 136 Elm Street, North Easton.; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Murphy moved, Seconded by Selectman Noonan that:

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive, and hold a certain Conservation Restriction from BC Shovel Works LLC, as printed and described in the warrant and in a form as may be approved by Town Counsel.

Veto Required: Two-thirds
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

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ARTICLE 42. STREET ACCEPTANCES - CONCERTO COURT, SERENADE PARK, TANGLEWOOD DRIVE
To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named streets or ways as public ways, pursuant to MGL c. 82:

“Concerto Court” from Station 0+00.00 to Station 10+00.00 and Station 10+00.00 to Station 20+07.48, as shown on a plan of land entitled: “As Built Plan & Profile of Concerto Court, Easton, MA” surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Pages 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood;

“Serenade Park” from Station 0+00.00 to Station 9+87.87, as shown on a plan of land entitled: “As Built Plan & Profile of Serenade Park, Easton, MA” surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Pages 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood;

and

“Tanglewood Drive” from Station 6+50.00 to Station 17+64.35, as shown on a plan of land entitled: “As Built Plan & Profile of Tanglewood Drive, Easton, MA” surveyed for Stonebridge Land Holdings, Inc., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 25, 2012 by Gallagher Engineering and approved by the Planning Board on November 10, 1999 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Pages 35-40 on November 17, 1999 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements, pursuant to MGL c. 40 §3 and 14 to accept the deed of a fee interest in said Tanglewood Drive or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Concerto Court as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00.00 to Station 10+00.00 and Station 10+00.00 to Station 20+07.48, as approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Page 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Concerto Court;

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Serenade Park as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00.00 to Station 9+87.87, as approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Pages 35-40 on November 17, 1999 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Serenade Park;

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Tanglewood Drive as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 6+50.00 to Station 17+64.35, as approved by the Planning Board on January 23, 2002 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 402, Page 68-73 on January 31, 2002 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Tanglewood Drive;

Selectman: Murphy

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ARTICLE PASSES
And

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And

To accept Tanglewood Drive as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 6+50.00 to Station 17+64.35, as approved by the Planning Board on November 10, 1999 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Page 35-40 on November 17, 1999 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Tanglewood Drive as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The work in these streets is completed and they are ready to be accepted as Public Ways.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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And

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Explanation: The work in these streets is completed and they are ready to be accepted as Public Ways.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 43
MOTIONED BY: GORNSTEIN
SECONDED BY: BARLOW
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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ARTICLE 43. ZONING AMENDMENT: FARMERS MARKET
To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 2 as follows:

Section II. Definitions

FARMERS' MARKET - A public market for the primary purpose of promoting and selling fresh produce, prepared foods and meat, poultry and fish. Such products may include, but shall not be limited to:

• Fresh Produce (fresh uncut fruits and vegetables)
• Unprocessed honey
• Maple syrup
• Meats, poultry, and fish
• Farm fresh eggs
• Jams and jellies
• Candy
• Baked goods

and

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 5-3 as follows:

C. Agricultural Uses

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ARTICLE PASSES

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D. Office and Laboratory

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Sections II and 5.3 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allow farmers markets by special permit from the Planning & Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
ARTICLE 44. ZONING AMENDMENT: SIGNS
To see if the Town will reconfigure and amend its zoning bylaws pertaining to signs by replacing the entirety of Section 10
with the following:

10-1 PURPOSE
The purpose of this Section is to:

1. Promote the public safety and convenience of streets, highways, sidewalks and other pedestrian spaces, and public and
   private property within public view;
2. Reduce distractions, hazards and obstructions from signage that will have an adverse impact on vehicular safety;
3. Discourage excessive visual competition in signage;
4. Ensure that signage will adequately aid communication and orientation, identify uses and activities, and
   express local history and character;
5. Preserve or enhance town character by requiring new and replacement signage which is compatible with the
   surroundings, appropriate to the type of activity to which it pertains, expressive of the identity of individual proprietors
   or of the community as a whole, and appropriately sized in its context; and
6. Encourage the use of the Town’s Sign and Design Guidelines as a resource to assist in the development of
   appropriate commercial signage and building design.

10-2. DEFINITIONS
Certain terms are defined for the purposes of this By-law as follows:
ABANDONED SIGN
A sign which no longer identifies or advertises a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or activity, and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

ANIMATED SIGN
Any sign which uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or to create a special effect or scene (compare "Flashing Sign").

AREA
See "Sign, Area of".

AWNING
A shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior of a building constructed of non-rigid materials on a supporting framework (compare "Marquee").

AWNING SIGN
A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning.

BANNER SIGN
A sign, frequently constructed of fabric or other flexible material and frequently displayed on a pole or staff; or which can be freestanding or attached to a building or structure; and is generally temporary in nature.

BILLBOARD
See "Off-Premise Sign".

BUILDING
As defined in Section II Definitions, page 2-3 of the Easton Zoning By Law.

CHANGING IMAGE SIGN
Any sign that, through the use of moving structural elements, flashing or sequential lights, lighting elements, or other automated method, results in movement, the appearance of movement or change of sign image or message. This type of sign includes, but is not limited to, Electronic Message Center signs which are either attached or detached. Changing image signs do not include school zone or other public safety signs and otherwise static signs where copy is changed manually in the field and where illumination is turned off and back on not more than once every twenty-four (24) hours.

CLEARANCE (OF A SIGN)
The smallest vertical distance between the grade of the adjacent street or street curb and the lowest point of any sign, including framework and embellishments, extending over that grade.

ABANDONED SIGN
A sign which no longer identifies or advertises a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or activity, and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

ANIMATED SIGN
Any sign which uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or to create a special effect or scene (compare "Flashing Sign").

AREA
See "Sign, Area of".

AWNING
A shelter projecting from and supported by the exterior of a building constructed of non-rigid materials on a supporting framework (compare "Marquee").

AWNING SIGN
A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning.

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A sign, frequently constructed of fabric or other flexible material and frequently displayed on a pole or staff; or which can be freestanding or attached to a building or structure; and is generally temporary in nature.

BILLBOARD
See "Off-Premise Sign".

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CLEARANCE (OF A SIGN)
The smallest vertical distance between the grade of the adjacent street or street curb and the lowest point of any sign, including framework and embellishments, extending over that grade.
CONSTRUCTION SIGN

A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located.

COPY

The wording on a sign surface in either permanent or removable letter form.

DIRECTIONAL SIGN

A sign limited to pedestrian and vehicular traffic instruction and/or direction or restrictions on the use of parking areas. No sign that identifies the occupant or use of the site shall be considered a directional sign.

DIRECTORY SIGN

A group of signs clustered together as a single structure or compositional unit to advertise occupants of the same building or building complex.

DOUBLE-FACED SIGN

A sign with two faces.

ELECTRICAL SIGN

A sign or sign structure in which electrical wiring, connections or fixtures are used.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER

Any message board, where scrolling or moving copy or images are shown on the same message board or any sign which changes its copy or images electronically, mechanically, digitally, through the use of projection or computer generation.

FACADE

The entire building front including the parapet. The exterior surface of a building wall facing a street or parking area or containing a public entrance, which corresponds to the height and width of the interior space owned or leased by the occupant of the building.

FACE OF SIGN

The area of a sign on which the copy is placed.

FESTOONS

A string of ribbons, tinsel, small flags, or pinwheels.

FLAG

A sign, frequently constructed of fabric or other flexible material and frequently displayed on a pole or staff or which can be freestanding or attached to a building or structure, and is generally temporary in nature. Official flags of governmental jurisdictions properly displayed and decorative flags on residences shall not be considered as signs for the purposes of this Section.
FLAShING SIGN
A sign which contains an intermittent or sequential flashing light source used primarily to attract attention. Does not include changeable copy signs, or signs which, through reflection or other means, create an illusion of flashing of intermittent light (compare "Animated Sign", "Changeable Copy Sign").

FREESTANDING SIGN
A sign structurally separate from a building or structure that is attached to or part of a self-supporting structure.

FRONTAGE
The length of the property line of any one premise along a public right-of-way on which it borders.

FRONTAGE, BUILDING
The length of an outside building wall on a public right-of-way.

GOVERNMENT SIGN
Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the city, county, state, or federal government for traffic direction or for designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property or facility.

HEIGHT (OF A SIGN)
The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less (compare "Clearance").

IDENTIFICATION SIGN
A sign whose copy is limited to the name and address of a building, institution, or a person and/or to the activity or occupation being identified.

ILLEGAL SIGN
A sign which does not meet the requirements of this By Law and which has not received legal nonconforming status.

INCIDENTAL SIGN
A small sign, emblem, or decal informing the public of goods, facilities, or services available on the premises, e.g., a credit card sign or a sign indicating hours of business.

INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGN
A sign which utilizes translucent panels, canvas or other fabric, letters, devices or other similar components to create an image by allowing light to pass through.

LOT
A parcel of land legally defined on a subdivision map recorded with the assessment department or land registry office, or a parcel of land defined by a legal record of survey map.
MAINTENANCE
For the purposes of this By-law, the cleaning, painting, repair, or replacement of defective parts of a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic design or structure of the sign.

MANSARD
A sloped roof or roof-like facade architecturally comparable to a building wall.

MARQUEE
A permanent roof-like structure or canopy of rigid materials supported by extending from the facade of a building (compare "Awning").

MARQUEE SIGN
Any sign attached to or supported by a marquee structure.

NAMEPLATE
A non-electric on-premise identification sign giving only the name, address, and/or occupation of an occupant or group of occupants.

NONCONFORMING SIGN
1. A sign which was erected legally, but which does not comply with subsequently enacted sign restrictions and regulations.
2. A sign which does not conform to the sign By-law, but for which a special permit has been issued.

OCCUPANCY
The portion of a building or premises owned, leased, rented, or otherwise occupied for a given use.

OFF-PREMISE SIGN
A sign structure advertising an establishment, merchandise, service, or entertainment, which is not sold, produced, manufactured, or furnished at the property on which said sign is located, e.g., "billboards" or "outdoor advertising".

ON-PREMISE SIGN
A sign which pertains to the use of the premises on which it is located.

OWNER
A person recorded as such on official records. For the purposes of this By-law, the owner of the property on which a sign is located is presumed to be the owner of the sign unless facts to the contrary are officially recorded or otherwise brought to the attention of the building inspector, e.g., a sign leased from a sign company.

PAINTED WALL SIGN
Any sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the face of a wall.

PARAPET
The extension of a false front or wall above a roofline.

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PARAPET
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PERSON
For the purpose of this By Law, any individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, or similarly defined interest.

POINT OF PURCHASE DISPLAY
Advertising of a retail item accompanying its display, e.g., an advertisement on a product dispenser.

POLE COVER
Covers enclosing or decorating poles or other structural supports of a sign.

POLITICAL SIGN
For the purposes of this By Law, a temporary sign used in connection with a local, state, or national election or referendum.

PORTABLE SIGN
Any sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground or to a structure or building, e.g., trailer or A-Frame, not to include Banner sign.

PREMISES
A parcel of land with its appurtenances and buildings which, because of its unity of use, may be regarded as the smallest conveyable unit of real estate.

PROJECTING SIGN
A sign, other than a flat wall sign, which is attached to and projects from a building or wall or other structure not specifically designed to support the sign.

REAL ESTATE SIGN
A temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease, or sale.

ROOFLINE
The top edge of a roof or building parapet, whichever is higher, excluding any cupolas, pylons, chimneys, or minor projections.

ROOF SIGN
Any sign erected over or on the roof of a building (compare "Mansard", "Wall Signs").

ROTATING SIGN
A sign in which the sign itself or any portion of the sign moves in a revolving or similar manner. Such motion does not refer to methods of changing copy.

SIGN
Any device, structure, fixture, or placard using graphics, symbols, and/or written copy designed specifically for the purpose of advertising or identifying any establishment, product, goods, or services (compare 10-1 (B)).

SIGN, AREA OF
1.  Projecting and Freestanding

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The area of a freestanding or projecting sign shall have all faces of any doubled-faced or multi-faced sign counted in calculating its area. The area of the sign shall be measured as follows if composed of one or two individual cabinets:

a. The area around and enclosing the perimeter of each cabinet or module shall be summed and then totaled to determine the total area. The perimeter of measurable area shall not include embellishments such as pole covers, framing, decorative roofing, etc. provided that there is not written advertising copy on such embellishments.

b. If the sign is composed of more than two sign cabinets or modules, the area enclosing the entire perimeter of all cabinets and/or modules within a single, continuous geometric figure shall be the area of the sign. Pole covers and other embellishments shall not be included in the area of measurement if they do not bear advertising copy.

2. Wall Signs

The area shall be within a single, continuous perimeter composed of any straight line geometric figure which encloses the extreme limits of the advertising message. If the sign is composed of individual letters or symbols using the wall as the background with no added decoration, the total sign area shall be calculated by measuring the area within the perimeter advertising message. The combined areas of the individual figures shall be considered the total sign area.

SNIPER SIGN

A temporary or poster affixed to a tree, fence, etc.

SUBDIVISION IDENTIFICATION SIGN

A freestanding or wall sign identifying a recognized subdivision, condominium complex, or residential development.

TEMPORARY SIGN

A sign not constructed or intended for long-term use.

TOWN

Unless the context clearly discloses a contrary intent, the word “Town” shall mean the Town of Easton.

UNDER-CANOPY SIGN

A sign suspended beneath a canopy, ceiling, roof or marquee.

USE

The purpose for which a building, lot, sign, or structure is designed, occupied, or maintained.

WALL SIGN

A sign attached parallel to and extending not more than eighteen (18) inches from the wall of a building. This definition includes painted, individual letter, and cabinet signs, and signs on a mansard.

WINDOW SIGN

A sign installed inside a building and intended to be viewed from the outside.

10.3 SIGN REGULATION BY ZONE

1. Permitted Signs in Residence and Eleemosynary Zones

The following signs may be erected or maintained in Residential Districts provided such signs are in compliance with all conditions set forth in this Section. The calculation of maximum number of signs and maximum area of signs does not include directional signs.

a. All signs as permitted in 10.5.

b. One non-illuminated sign displaying the street number, or name of the occupant of premises, or both, not exceeding four (4) square feet in area. Such signs may be attached to a building or may be on a rod or post not more than six (6) feet high and less than three (3) feet from the property lot line. Such sign may include identification of an accessory studio.
or professional office in the dwelling or on the premises, or may identify other permitted accessory uses, including
allowed home occupations.

c. One bulletin or announcement board or identification sign for a permitted nonresidential building or use, not more than
ten (10) square feet signboard area. For churches and institutions, membership clubs, funeral establishments, hospital,
other places of public assembly, community facilities or public utilities, one bulletin or announcement board or
identification sign is permitted on each building. Each such sign shall be not more than twenty (20) feet signboard
area. No such sign shall be located nearer a street than one-half the required front yard depth.

d. Two subdivision identification signs per neighborhood, subdivision, or development, not to exceed thirty-two (32)
square feet each in sign area during construction only.

e. On the premises with a lawfully nonconforming use, one sign not more than six (6) square feet.

f. One "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign not more than six (6) square feet and advertising only the premises on which the sign
is located. It shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the property lot line.

g. No sign or advertising device shall be illuminated after 11:00 P.M.

2. PERMITTED SIGNS IN BUSINESS ZONES AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

Signs are allowed as follows in business and industrial zones:

a. All signs permitted in 10.2, 10.3-1, and 10-5

b. One freestanding sign per street frontage, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet for a single or double
occupancy building. If three (3) or more multiple tenants occupy a building maximum given sign may be increased to
one hundred fifty (150) square feet provided that all tenants occupying the building be allocated sign space in
proportion to the amount of building space they occupy. Such signs may not exceed a height of thirty (30) feet.

c. One wall sign per occupancy up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.

d. One under-canopy sign per occupancy, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in gross sign area.

e. Incidental signs, not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in aggregate sign area per occupancy.

f. The top edge of a sign shall be placed not higher than the main roof of the highest building located on the premises, or
if no building exists, the average height of the main roofs of the buildings on the next adjacent properties where
buildings do exist and not to exceed thirty (30) feet above ground or sidewalk.

3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND ALLOWANCES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES

a. Where a lot is on a corner or has more than one entrance way, each entrance being a minimum of three hundred (300)
feet apart, more than one free standing sign is permitted. The total sign area of all free standing signs in no case can
exceed two (2) times that of a single free standing sign. The top edge of any such free standing sign shall not be
higher than thirty (30) feet vertical measure.

b. Freestanding and under-canopy, awning and marquee signs shall have a setback of fifteen (15) feet from any property
lot line and a minimum clearance of fifteen (15) feet over vehicular use area and ten (10) feet over any pedestrian use
area.

c. Temporary signs and banners:

1. Erection of a temporary sign shall require a permit from the building inspector. The fee for each fourteen (14) day
period shall be determined by the building inspector. No more than two (2) permits shall be granted in one
calendar year.

2. Such sign shall be erected for no more than a period of fourteen (14) days, two (2) times per year, for a total of
twenty-eight (28) days per year.

3. No temporary sign shall exceed thirty (30) square feet gross display area; a double face sign shall be computed in
determining gross display area.

4. Such signs shall be securely attached to the premises or to an existing free standing sign.

5. Farm stands shall be permitted seasonal temporary signs not to exceed a total of thirty (30) square feet gross
display area for an annual fee of $10.00.

6. The top edge of a sign shall be placed not higher than the main roof of the highest building located on the premises, or
if no building exists, the average height of the main roofs of the buildings on the next adjacent properties where
buildings do exist and not to exceed thirty (30) feet above ground or sidewalk.
All signs in the Ames Local Historic District shall be subject to review by the Easton Historical Commission prior to submission to the Easton Planning and Zoning Board.

4. PERMITTED SIGNS IN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS
The following signs are allowed in all zones:

a. All signs not requiring permits (Sec. 10-4.G).

b. One construction sign for each street frontage of a construction project, not to exceed six (6) square feet in sign area in residential zones of thirty-two (32) square feet in sign area in all other zones. Such signs may be erected fifteen (15) days prior to beginning of construction and shall be removed following completion of construction.

c. One non-illuminated real estate sign per lot or premises, not to exceed six (6) square feet in sign area. Signs used to advertise commercial property not to exceed three (3) by five (5) feet. Signs must be removed following sale, rental or lease. It shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the property lot line.

d. Snipe signs or signs attached to trees, utility poles, streetlights, or placed on public property or public right-of-way.

e. Flashing, animated or internally illuminated, including LED and neon, not specifically allowed by the Planning Board.

f. Portable signs.

g. Political signs shall not be erected more than thirty (30) days prior to the election or referendum concerned and shall be removed two (2) days following such election or referendum. Political signs may be placed only on private property and only with the permission of the property owner.

h. Directional/Information signs not to exceed six (6) feet in sign area or ten (10) feet in height.

i. Changing image sign

5. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL ZONES
The following types of signs are prohibited in all districts:

a. Abandoned signs.

b. Any sign which by reason of its location, shape, size, or color, will interfere with traffic signs, signals, or markings.

c. Signs imitating or resembling official traffic or government signs or signals.

d. Snipe signs or signs attached to trees, utility poles, streetlights, or placed on public property or public right-of-way.

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f. Portable signs.

g. Other signs specifically excluded by this By Law.

h. Signs attached to motor vehicles, trailers, or other movable objects regularly or recurrently located for fixed display.

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e. Flashing, animated or internally illuminated, including LED and neon, not specifically allowed by the Planning Board.

f. Portable signs.

g. Other signs specifically excluded by this By Law.

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10.4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain a sign in the Town of Easton except in accordance with the provisions of this By Law.

A. Determination of Sign Area.

Sign measurement shall be based upon the entire area of the sign, with a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface. For a sign painted on or applied to a building or structure, the area shall be considered to include all lettering, wording and accompanying designs or symbols together with any background of a different color than the natural color or finish material of the building or structure. For a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building wall or window, the area shall be considered to be that of the smallest rectangle, circle, oval or other simple straight-lined shape which encompasses all of the letters and symbols. The area of
supporting framework, such as the brackets and posts, shall not be included in the area if such framework is incidental to the display. When a sign has two (2) or more faces, the area of all faces shall be included in determining the area, except where two (2) faces are placed back to back and are at no point more than two (2) feet from each other. In this case, the sign area shall be taken as the area of either face, and if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area.

B. Sign Height
No part of any sign or light illuminating a sign shall be at a height in excess of the maximum height as specified in this section with respect to the height of the building or structure situated on the premises to which the sign relates. No part of any freestanding sign or any light illuminating a sign shall be higher than the highest point of any building or other structure on the premises on which such sign is located or if a vacant lot, at a height of no more than ten (10) feet above ground.

C. Sign Setbacks
Signs over one (1) square foot in area which are not temporary signs shall be set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the street line. Temporary signs in Nonresidential Districts shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the street line.

D. Approval
All applicants for sign permits, as required by this section, in Business and Industrial zones shall submit plans and supporting materials to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval.

E. Illumination
1. Illumination in Residential Zones. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded. Internally illuminated signs shall not be permitted.
2. Illumination in Business and Industrial Zones. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded or by internal illumination of only the lettering, wording or insignia within the sign.
3. Illumination in Local Historic Districts. Illumination of a sign shall be by steady white light which shall be properly shielded as approved by the Easton Historical Commission and the Planning & Zoning Board.
4. Moving/Animated/Flashing Signs Prohibited in All Districts.
   a. Flashing signs shall not be permitted in any District.
   b. Movement of a sign body or any segment thereof, such as rotating, revolving, moving up or down or any other type of action involving a change of position of a sign body or segment thereof, whether caused by mechanical, animated, computer generated or other means, shall not be permitted in any District.
   c. No neon or external fluorescent lighting shall be permitted in any District.

F. PERMITS REQUIRED
Unless otherwise provided by this By Law, all signs shall require permits and payment of fees. No permit is required for the maintenance of a sign or for a change of copy on painted, printed, or changeable copy signs.

G. SIGNS NOT REQUIRING PERMITS
The following types of signs are exempted from permit requirements, but must be in conformance with all other requirements of this By Law:
   a. One construction sign of thirty-two (32) square feet or less.
   b. Directional/Information signs of six (6) square feet or less.
   c. Holiday or special event decorations and/or festoons.
   d. Nameplates of six (6) square feet or less.
   e. Political signs.
   f. Public signs or notices, or any sign relating to an emergency.
   g. Real estate signs.
   h. Window signs.
   i. Incidental signs.

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10-5 NONCONFORMING SIGNS

1. DETERMINATION OF LEGAL NONCONFORMITY

Existing signs which do not conform to the specific provisions of the By-Law may be eligible for the designation “legal nonconforming” provided that:

a. The building inspector determines that such signs are properly maintained and do not in any way endanger the public.

b. The sign was properly covered by a valid permit or variance or complied with all applicable laws on the date of adoption of this By-Law.

c. Sign, or signs, were constructed or present prior to zoning.

2. LOSS OF LEGAL NONCONFORMITY STATUS

A legal nonconforming sign may lose this designation if:

a. The sign is relocated.

b. The structure or size of the sign is altered in any way except towards compliance with the By Law.

This does not refer to change of copy of normal maintenance.

3. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS

The legal nonconforming sign is subject to all requirements this code regarding safety, maintenance, and repair.

10-6 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

1. COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODES

All signs shall be constructed in accordance with all requirements of the State Building Code and the National Electrical Code and Town of Easton By-laws.

2. ANCHORING

a. No sign shall be suspended by non-rigid attachments that will allow the sign to swing in a wind.

b. All freestanding signs shall have self-supporting structures erected on or permanently attached to concrete foundations.

10-7 SIGN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

Applicants shall refer to the Town of Easton Sign and Design Guidelines adopted by the Planning & Zoning Board in its rules and regulations for additional guidance in building and signage design.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

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Explanation: The intent of the bylaw amendment is to allow greater flexibility and promote more consistent and attractive signage that fits within a given neighborhood context. The amendment is primarily a reorganization of the existing bylaw sections into a more straightforward, user-friendly format. The amendment primarily focuses on the type of sign illumination allowed in each zoning district.

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design based on location and context. Procedurally, signs will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure consistency with the Sign and Design Guidelines; signs proposed in historic districts would also be reviewed by the Easton Historical Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Board will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, MAY 21 2012

ARTICLE PASSES
A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lathrop Street, Easton MA 02356.

ARTICLE 45. ZONING AMENDMENT; PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning By Law at Section 7-6, as shown below with added and deleted language:

7-6 Planned Business Development

For planned business development of land subject to maximum building coverage more than the maximum permitted in the Table of Density and Dimensional Regulations and less than the parking requirements contained in the Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations, the following conditions shall apply:

A. The tract shall be in single or consolidated ownership at the time of application and shall be at least 5 ½ acres in size, except as may be reduced by the Planning & Zoning Board, by a Special Permit.

B. Uses shall be contained in one continuous building except that groupings of buildings may be allowed by the Planning & Zoning Board where such groupings are consistent with the safety of the users of the development and are further consistent with the overall intent of this section.

C. The gross floor area of buildings shall not exceed 50% of the total area.

D. The development shall be served by one common parking area and by common exit and entrance areas except that the Planning & Zoning Board may allow segmented parking areas.

E. Reduction in parking space requirements shall not exceed more than 10 percent of those required

F. The development shall be served by a public water system.

G. Roadway and utility construction shall conform to the Town of Easton Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations except as may be modified or may be waived by the Planning Board.

H. Plan depicting exterior building elevations, parking layout, access points and site utilities shall be submitted to the Planning Board on properly scaled plans prepared by a Professional Engineer.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

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Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 7-6 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will create additional flexibility for landowners by reducing the land area required for a Planned Business Development from 5 acres to 2 acres. The land area requirement could be reduced further with approval from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 46. ZONING AMENDMENT; HOME OCCUPATION
To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending the definition of “Home Occupation” in Section 2 as shown below:

Section II. Definitions

HOME OCCUPATION

An accessory use which by custom has been carried on entirely within a dwelling unit, or within an accessory building thereto, and is incidental and subordinate to the dwelling use and which shall not occupy more than twenty five (25) percent of the net floor area of the net floor area or four hundred (400) square feet whichever is less, of the dwelling unit or accessory building so used. No commodities shall be sold on the premises. Such use shall be carried on by the occupants of the dwelling unit with no more than three employees, one of whom can be a nonresident, and shall not in any manner change the residential character of the building

And

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 7-9 as follows:

7-9 Home Occupation

For the use of a dwelling in the “R” District for a home occupation, the following conditions shall apply:

A. No more than three employees, one of whom can be a nonresident, shall be employed therein.

B. The use is carried on strictly within the principal building or a building accessory thereto.

C. Not more than 25 percent of the existing net floor area of the principal building or 400 square feet is devoted to such use.

D. There shall be no display of goods or wares visible from the street

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E. The use shall not in any manner change the residential character of the building.

A. Site Plan Review

All home occupations shall require abbreviated site plan review by the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure such use will not adversely impact the neighborhood due to issues related to design, traffic and public safety and welfare. Plans submitted for review shall include floor plans, parking areas, driveways and such other information as may be determined by the Planning Board. Decisions on Site Plan Review shall be made within 60 days of submission of all plans required by the Planning & Zoning Board.

Selectman: Corona

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 and Section 7-9 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allow a greater diversity of home occupations. This article modifies the existing definition of home occupation and requires proposed home occupations to undergo Site Plan Review with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

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E. The use shall not in any manner change the residential character of the building.

A. Site Plan Review

All home occupations shall require abbreviated site plan review by the Planning & Zoning Board to ensure such use will not adversely impact the neighborhood due to issues related to design, traffic and public safety and welfare. Plans submitted for review shall include floor plans, parking areas, driveways and such other information as may be determined by the Planning Board. Decisions on Site Plan Review shall be made within 60 days of submission of all plans required by the Planning & Zoning Board.

Selectman: Corona

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 and Section 7-9 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to allow a greater diversity of home occupations. This article modifies the existing definition of home occupation and requires proposed home occupations to undergo Site Plan Review with the Planning and Zoning Board.

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MEETING DATE: May 21, 2012
MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lathrop Street, Easton MA 02356.

ARTICLE 48. ZONING AMENDMENT; EXTENSION AND ALTERATION

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by replacing Section 9-2(D) with the following:

D. The reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change of a valid pre-existing nonconforming structure used for single family or two family residential purposes in such a manner as to create a new nonconformity, shall require the issuance of a variance from the Board of Appeals. The reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change of a valid pre-existing nonconforming structure used for any other purposes, in such a manner as to create a new nonconformity, shall require the issuance of a special permit from the Board of Appeals.

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 9-2(D) of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to recognize a change in the law pursuant to the Gale v. Gloucester case which eliminates a variance requirement for changes to pre-existing nonconforming residential structures and, rather, places such applications in a special permit context.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

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ARTICLE 47. ZONING AMENDMENT; ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by amending Section 5-3 to allocate Special permit Granting Authority to the Zoning Board and Planning and Zoning Board, as follows:

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<td>13. Entertainment and recreational facilities operated as a business for gain, including but not limited to bowling alley, theater, or sports arena, provided such use is housed indoors in sound-insulated structure protecting neighborhood from inappropriate noise in any season</td>
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#### G. Industrial, Wholesale, and Transportation Uses

1. Laundries and dry cleaning plant
2. Printing, binding, publishing and related arts and trade
3. Bottling of beverages
4. Plumbing, electrical, or carpentry shop or other similar service or repair establishment
5. Place for manufacturing, assembling, or packaging of goods, provided that all resulting cinders, dust, flashing, fumes, gases, odors, refuse matter, smoke and vapor be effectively confined to the premises or be disposed of in a manner that does not create a nuisance or hazard to safety or health
6. Wholesale business and storage in a roofed structure
7. Trucking and freight terminals
8. Planned Industrial Development

#### H. Other Principal Uses

1. Extractive industries, manufacture, distribution or sale of explosives, or any trade, industry or other use that is noxious or hazardous by reason of vibration or dust, gas, fumes, smoke, cinders, flashing, or excessively bright lights, refuse matter or electromagnetic radiation

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Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 5-3 of the Zoning By Law, as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to more clearly indicate the special permitting authorities pursuant to the Table of Use Regulations in Section 5-3 of the Zoning By Law.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $250,000 by transfer from free cash into the stabilization fund.

Explanation: This vote will transfer a portion of the free cash certification to the stabilization fund to build up reserves.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

DECLARED 2/3 UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to be transferred into the unemployment trust fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $25,000 by transfer from free cash into the unemployment trust fund.

Explanation: The balance in the trust fund has been depleted due to federal extensions of benefits and needs to be replenished.

Vote Required: Majority  
DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $6,100 from surplus available funds encumbered from fiscal year 2012 for the purpose of paying retirement contributions for personnel activated for military duty.

Explanation: This article funds county retirement contributions on the military share of pay for activated personnel during fiscal year 2011 and 2012 to allow for no loss in pension eligibility. These amounts are due to the retirement board as the employee has returned from active duty.

Vote Required: Majority

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ARTICLE #: 4
MOTIONED BY: CORONA
SECONDED BY: GORNSTEIN
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 4. STREETLIGHT PURCHASE
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of funds to purchase street lights from National Grid, in accordance with G.L. c 164, §34A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $23,890, by transfer from the fiscal year 2013 DPW operating budget to purchase street lights from National Grid, in accordance with G.L. c 164, §34A.

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to purchase certain streetlights currently owned and maintained by National Grid. Owning these lights will result in significant savings by eliminating facilities charges currently assessed to the Town of Easton and will allow the Town to undertake future energy efficient lighting upgrades.

Vote Required: Majority

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**ARTICLE 5. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of public safety dispatch equipment, including software, console furniture and all incidental costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $125,000 for the purchase and installation of public safety dispatch equipment, including software, console furniture and all incidental costs related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, $62,100 be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate account and $62,900 be transferred from the fiscal year 2013 Maturing Debt and Interest Budget.

Explanation: The consolidation of public safety dispatch will require equipment upgrades necessary to provide effective communication between the police and fire department.

Vote Required: Majority

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ARTICLE 6. APPROVE FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA AND TRAFFIC EMITTERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT
To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $13,593.88 from available funds for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and traffic emitters for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $13,593.88 for the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and traffic emitters for the Fire Department and that to meet this appropriation, $11,346.40 be transferred from available FEMA funds and $2,247.48 be transferred from available Homeland Security Funds.

Explanation: This article will allow the purchase of much needed equipment from available funds earmarked for the fire department.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #: 6
MOTIONED BY: NOONAN
SECONDED BY: MURPHY
SELECTMEN: Recommended
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended
REQUIRED VOTE: MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE 7. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

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ARTICLE 7. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2013 departmental budgets and fund the incremental cost items contained in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit if such agreement is negotiated and mutually ratified prior to Town meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Garnstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $135,534 to supplement the following fiscal year 2013 budgets and fund the incremental cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Southeastern Public Employees Association/DPW Unit:

| ACCOUNTANT | $1,134 |
| POLICE | 85,000 |
| AMBULANCE | 8,000 |
| DPW ADMINISTRATION | 5,400 |
| SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING | 38,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **$135,534** |

and further, that to meet this appropriation, $90,000 shall be transferred from taxation, $8,400 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2010 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget, $1,134 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2013 Other General Government Budget and $34,400 shall be transferred from Solid Waste & Recycling Surplus.

Explanation: This article will adjust the FY13 budget to make adjustments for several departments which require additional funding and approve funding of the cost items contained in a collective bargaining agreement with the DPW union.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

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**ARTICLE 6: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT**

Motion: To move to amend **ARTICLE 6** of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting so that the amended vote reads as follows:

> "The Town vote to appropriate the amount of two million two hundred and fifty thousand ($2,250,000.00) dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement under repair of the roof of the Easton Middle School including architectural and engineering expenses and all other costs incident or related thereto (the "Project") which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting required educational programs, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") and amount to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and School Committee.

The Town deems that the MSBA's grant program is non-exempt, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty and sixteen thousand dollars (50,160.00) or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA and the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any amount granted or advanced in any Project Funding Agreement that may be executed with the Town and the MSBA as well as the Town and/or the Board of Selectmen and School Committee shall be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state grants which may be available for the project and take any other action necessary to carry out said project on behalf of or in the name of the Town."  

**Yea Required:** Two-Thirds Majority  
**Nay Required:** Recommended  
**Fiscal Committee Recommendation:** Recommended  
**Declared Unanimous 2/3 Vote by Moderator Galas, Article Passes**  

A true copy attests: Jeremy P. Gillis, Town Clerk

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**ARTICLE 7: MOOTED BY:** Gornstein  
**SECONDED BY:** Barlow  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended  
**ACTION:** 2/3 Majority  
**Declared Unanimous 2/3 Vote by Moderator Galas, Article Passes**

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ARTICLE 9, ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONS OF 2012 VALOR ACT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, an Act relative to Veterans’ access, livelihood, opportunity and resources, said statute reading, in part as follows:

“Any city or town which accepts this section, the board of selectmen of a town, or in a municipality have an town council form of government, the town council or mayor, with approval of the city council, may establish a program to allow veterans, as defined in clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to that city or town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligation of the veteran on the veteran’s tax bill and that reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled, provided, however that person shall not receive a rate of, or be credited with more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to that reduction; and further, that the reduction of the real property tax bill shall not exceed $1,000.00 in a given tax year,” or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectmen: Murphy moved the following Seconded by Selectman Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, an Act relative to Veterans’ access, livelihood, opportunity and resources as printed in Article 9 of the warrant.

Explanation: This is an addition to the senior tax work off program we currently have in place. This expansion is dedicated to Veterans who would work within the Town and then receive credit toward their property tax bills. We currently have 25 slots for seniors and with this approval increase the number to 30. Fice of which are dedicated to Veterans.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

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ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENT TO §156 - JUNK, OLD AND PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND ARTICLES
To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 156 of its general bylaws by replacing it with the following:

§156 Junk, Old and Precious Metals and Secondhand Articles

§156-1. License Required

A. Every person who is in the business of collecting, dealing in, or keeping a shop for the purchase, sale, resale or barter of junk, old and precious metals including gold and silver, and/or secondhand articles, shall be licensed by the Board of Selectmen.

B. For the purpose of this by-law, the term "precious metals" shall include any precious metal such as gold, silver, or platinum, without regard to the form or amount of such precious metal, or whether or not such precious metal is an incrustation or minor component or some other article such as jewelry, brie-a-bras, statuary, automotive parts, or the like.

Note: No licenses shall be issued hereunder for a Junk Yard as defined by the Town of Easton Zoning Bylaws.

§156-2. Application for License; Term; Fee

A. Each application for a license shall be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen and set forth the name of the party licensed, the nature of the business and the building or place in which it is to be carried out.

B. Each license shall be issued on a location specific basis and shall be for a period of one (1) year unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen.

C. Licenses under this bylaw may be issued only after notice and a public hearing.

D. The fee for each such license shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

E. The license shall be clearly and prominently displayed in a suitable and conspicuous place on the premises.

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B. No merchandise shall be displayed off the licensed premises, including on public ways or sidewalks.

§156-4. Purchases from Persons less than Eighteen Years of Age Prohibited

No junk dealer, old and precious metal dealer or secondhand article dealer or any employee thereof shall directly or indirectly purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any junk, old and precious metals or secondhand articles from a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

§156-2. Record of Purchases of Any Precious Metals or Other Items Valued Over $500. Examination and Inspection of Records and Articles

A. Every junk dealer, old and precious metal dealer or secondhand article dealer shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of each purchase of any precious metal or other item valued over $500 a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom the purchase was made, and the day and hour when such purchase was made. A photographic record of all precious metals, or other items valued over $500 shall be taken and maintained. Photocopies of picture identification shall be taken and maintained for any person who sells or barter an item of precious metals, or other items valued over $500.

B. A list of all purchases and acquisitions of precious metals or other items valued over $500 shall be submitted to the Easton Police Department within one (1) week of such purchase or acquisition.

C. The Chief of Police or his designee shall at all times have the authority to inspect or examine all books kept by the dealer or keeper of the shop and shall have the right to inspect and examine all articles and merchandise therein.

§156-6. Articles of Precious Metal or Other Items valued Over $500 Purchased or Received to be Retained for Twenty-One Days

No item of precious metal or other item valued over $500 purchased or received by any dealer or keeper of a shop licensed under this bylaw shall be removed from the town, sold, or otherwise disposed of for at least twenty-one (21) days from its date of purchase or acquisition unless permission has been obtained from the Chief of Police or his designee who may request to inspect or photograph the item.

§156-7. Testing of Weighing and Measuring Devices

All weighing or measuring devices used by a licensee in the conduct of the licensed business shall be tested and sealed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Standards prior to being placed into service. All weighing and measuring devices shall thereafter be inspected and tested on an annual basis.

§156-2. Rules and Regulations

The Board of Selectmen may adopt rules and regulations governing the issuance and conduct of business for the sale of junk, old and precious metals and secondhand articles pursuant to the authority granted by M.G.L Chapter 140, §54 and the authority granted by this bylaw.

§156-9. Suspension or Revocation of License

Any license issued hereunder may be suspended or revoked, after a notice and hearing, for cause or violation of this bylaw and/or the Board of Selectmen’s rules and regulations.

§156-10. Enforcement and Penalties

Violations of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00). Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. This penalty may be enforced pursuant to Chapter 50 of the Code of the Town of Easton, Noncriminal Disposition of Violations.

§156-11. Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is held to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity or application of the remaining provisions, or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion: I move that the Town amend Section 156 of its general bylaws as printed in the Warrant

Explanation: The current bylaw is overly prohibitive to consignment, antique and second hand clothing items shops. The proposed bylaw amendment would ease restrictions on such businesses.

Vote Required: Majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS. ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK
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Collector 508-230-0610
Commission on Disabilities 508-230-0596
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