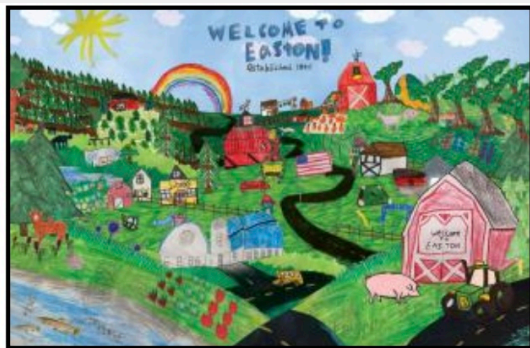


A Message from First Selectman Bindelglass



06/24/2022 Update



In regards to COVID, hospitalization numbers in the state are slowly decreasing. I believe there is a very slow but steady improvement.

This week marked graduations from Samuel Staples, Helen Keller, and Joel Barlow High

School. This is a good time to be thankful for all the hard work of our dedicated teachers and administrators. The graduating students and their families have weathered the pandemic and all its effects. As a town, we admire and are proud of them.

With school out, work will intensify repairing the roof at 660 Morehouse (Old Staples). Chip sealing continues. Please sign up for e-notifications on our town website so you are well informed of such details. Please go to www.eastonct.gov click on “subscribe to news”, enter your email, choose which notifications you would like to receive and be sure to scroll to the bottom to submit.

We have been notified that the judge of the state superior court has handed down a decision regarding the building of a slaughterhouse on the chicken farm at 59 Tranquility. Dr. Judge Berger ruled that the slaughterhouse can NOT be built. This is an important decision for the town.

At the same time, the Planning and Zoning Commission has been considering changes to the regulations regarding farming to limit accessory activities on farms. Planning and Zoning is also considering changes to the zoning regulations which could allow for the acceptance of some existing accessory apartments, particularly in return for deed restricting them as affordable dwellings, consistent with plans laid out in our affordable housing plan.

As you may remember Planning and Zoning obtained funds for two gateway signs to Easton. They sponsored a contest in the elementary and middle schools to design the signs. There were so many wonderful entries that they decided to make two signs which combined pieces of multiple children’s designs. The signs are absolutely spectacular and unique as you can see above. Planning and zoning are deciding where to put these signs as a special welcome to our wonderful town.

The Board of Selectmen regular meeting for Thursday, July 7 is cancelled.

An evening with the First Selectman is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28^t at 7 p.m. in the Easton Public Library conference room.

The Tax Collector's Office is mailing tax bills early next week and are due July 1, 2022 and payable without interest until August 1, 2022. Taxes will be available for viewing and payment online at www.eastonct.gov as of July 1st.

As a reminder, if you need a recycling container or yours is damaged, please contact RWS at 203-334-1660. Also, please refer to the Easton Courier article on June 15 regarding the contamination of Easton's recycling mainly with plastic bags: <https://eastoncourier.news/2022/06/15/you-might-not-be-recycling-as-well-as-you-think/>. Please keep in mind that the town pays fines or, rather, the tax payers do for contamination.

Please remember to renew your dog's license by June 30 to avoid a penalty fee.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The THIRD annual Easton Town Party - Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, 1 - 7 p.m. - celebrating community spirit, live music, local food, craft beer & beverages, family fun and more! Announcements coming soon!

Free Spirit Festival with WHITE LADY 5K - Saturday, October 29, 2022, 10 - 12 p.m. - 5K and events throughout the day! More information to follow.

Have a great weekend,

Dave