

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN**  
**Board of Finance**  
**Special Meeting**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 7:00pm**

Mayor April Capone-Almon called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Anthony Serio, Brendan Geelan, Dr. Charles Schlegel, Noreen Clough, Richard DePalma and Paul Karbowski. Also present were: Assistant Director of Administration & Management, Director of Finance Paul Rizza and Town Council Chairman Paul Thompson.

2. Mayor's Office

To: 01-103-0115 Part Time Wages \$22,500

From: 01-885-0689 Contingency \$22,500

Funds are needed for the purpose of hiring the Director of Strategic Incentives & Town/BOE Liaison.

Mr. Geelan moved to make a motion; seconded by Ms. Clough.

Dr. Schlegel- Is this the same item that we voted down at last meeting?

Mayor Almond- Yes it is, there were members who needed more

information. Dr, Schlegel- I have brought this up many times, under the charter you need authorization from the Town Council, to make this

position. Mr. Karbowski - If hired as a consultant, he will need goals that he would need to accomplish but if hired as a Director he would be considered

a Town Employee. Mr. DePalma- There are goals listed on sheet with the

agenda. Mr. Geelan- We would have to amend the wording of Director to

Consultant. Mr. DePalma- Just say that two months down the road we

don't see a return and none of the goals are being met, can we end this

agreement with him. Mayor Almond- Yes Dr. Schlegel- Does he have an

IRS # in place, he has to have a business operation filed with the State. Mr.

Mauro- We can't hire him until that is all in place. Dr. Schlegel- I'm

concerned about how this will affect the BOE? Quarterly budget,

consolidation of schools and the recording of school expenditures. Mr.

Karbowski- I thought we had a Director of Finance that worked between the

Town and BOE. I thought he get the quarterly reports from BOE. This is all

very confusing to me. Mr. Mauro- We want to bring the Town and BOE

together. This will help at budget time with the BOF and BOE. *I can't do anymore in my day, that is why we need the two board to work together to help achieve many projects that effect the Town and BOE. They both get there money from the same place the Taxpayer.* Mr. Serio- there is a group being hired to work on the consolidating the schools. Mr. Thompson- Yes , I have received a letter from BOE asking me to be a part of this group. Mr. We can wait a couple months and see what happens. Mr. Mauro- We are looking at the heating controls at the High School. He will help us get everything done to ensure we save in heating cost and to get all the programs up and running. He will not be able to interfere with education part of BOE. Ms. Clough- Marilyn seemed okay with this both times I asked her about it. I feel this is a good thing for everyone involved. We are heading into a tough year; we could save a lot on recycling and energy. Dr. Marilyn seemed to be fine with it but didn't know if other members were informed of this. I'm in favor of it. I just want it to be done right. Mr. Geelan- How? Dr. Schlegel- all proper paper work with the State and IRS. Mr. Geelan- If and when as a consultant. Dr. Schlegel – Employee contract. Mr. Rizza- We are talking about a consultant. Mr.

Geelan- I motion to have it be a consultant position. Mr. DePalma seconded the motion. All agreed- 6 yes

Mr. Karbowski- Before we vote, I would like to say that I oppose this and this is not a good time to be spending \$22,500 especially with our economics are doing poorly.

1 abstained, 3 yes, 2 no

Ms. Clough made a motion to adjourn @7:45; seconded by Mr. Depalma.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teena Fucci  
Board of Finance Clerk