

The East Haven Town Council held the Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Present (Joseph Badamo, Toothe, and DePalma)

Staff Present – Paul Hongo, Jr., Director, Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director, Paul Rizza, Finance Director and Patricia Cofrancesco, Town Attorney.

Item #1

Councilman Anania moved to accept the minutes of March 27, April 17, 20, and 24, 2008.

Councilman Riolino seconded the motion.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2

The Clerk notified the Council that Attorney William Coté register a letter of disclosure with the Town Clerk, as he does work for the town.

Item #3

No sub-committee reports.

Item #4

Mayor Capone Almon is unable to address the Council with the monthly update due to another meeting.

Item # 5

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion; be it resolved that the following tax refunds per the recommendation of the Tax Collector are hereby approved:

a. Washington Mutual Bank  
**2006-01-10833 E/S 8903 Corrected per Assessor**  
**\$1,583.28**

b. Gilbert Hooker, Countrywide Tax Service  
**2006-01-7461 Countrywide paid additional**  
**Installment in error**  
**\$1,520.56**

- c. Elsa Davi  
**2006-01-2611 E/S 10154 Square Footage of Dwelling  
Was Corrected  
\$601.64**
- d. Isabel Mangino  
**2006-01-6247 E/S 10212 Square Footage of Dwelling  
Was Corrected  
\$1,147.54**
- e. Christy Oley, Loan Specialist  
Bank of America  
**2006-01-3784 Paid Duplicate 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment  
\$967.70**
- f. Dolores Uphoff  
**2006-01-3528 E/S 10381 and 10382 Reinstated  
Town Benefit and Freeze  
\$2,400.00**
- g. Beth Graham, Taxpayer Representative  
GMAC  
**2006-03-59541 E/S 09763 Vehicle Sold 10/06  
\$500.17**
- h. **2006-01-7174 Mortgage Co. Paid Duplicate Installment  
\$2,215.31**
- i James Hartman of Provident Funding  
**2006-01-8065 Mortgage Co. Paid Duplicate Installment  
\$2,215.31**

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the motion.  
No public comment.  
Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved; that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Creating An Energy Conservation Commission," is hereby approved.

Councilman Camera seconded the motion.  
No public comment.  
Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved; that an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Permitting the Boy Scouts (Troop 408 of Foxon) to Clean a Town Owned Nature Walk On Moulthrop Street,” is hereby approved.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 8

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved; that an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Imposing a Fine of \$500.00 for Violation of the Town’s Landfill Policy, to Amend Section 16.5-14 of the Code of Ordinances,” is hereby approved.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Councilman Riolino asked how this law will be enforced.

Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management stated that anyone utilizing the landfill an inordinate amount of times will be asked where the debris is originating from be asked to sign and document what they are unloading. This is a very good thing for the town.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 9

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved; that an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Granting a Grace Period for Trash Haulers to Secure License and Registration Compliance,” is hereby approved.

Councilman Parlato seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved; that the Town Council authorizes the town of East Haven, acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and its agents, an servants, and/or employees, to undertake any or all steps necessary to

effectuate an amendment (lease schedule #006) to the Apple Computer, Inc. Master Lease Purchase Agreement #6888253.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

Frank Meoli, Administrative Director to the Superintendent explained that the Board of Education can not enter into this agreement; it must be done through the town because we do not raise revenue only the town does. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup>. year for this lease which was prompted by the technology becoming obsolete in 1999. The Board not being able to purchase \$750,000 worth of equipment investigated other options and this was a great innovative way to receive \$750,000 worth of technology for \$262,000 for a 3 year lease. For a town of our size, our technology is enviable compared to other districts.

Randall stated that each year they attack a grade level to insure that the technology is up to date and this year it will be the high school's infrastructure. We are leaders in technology through our efforts. This town is one of seven in Connecticut eligible for grants through a pilot program

No public comment.

Councilman Riolino asked if this is the first year at the early learning center.

Mr. Meoli stated that Overbrook and Hayes Schools are for pre-K and Kindergarten and their inventory is up to date.

Councilman Parlato asked if the inventory is up to date; is any missing?

Mr. Meoli stated that Mr. Rizza is the keeper of the fix assets.

Councilman Cofrancesco stated that the lease does not specify what happens if you have a crash.

Randall stated that there are five staff members that repair on a weekly basis, when warranty repairs are necessary we contract vendors.

Councilwoman Donahue asked what is done at the Early Learning level.

Mr. Meoli stated reading and pre-reading software.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Item # 11

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion; be it resolved; that the East Haven Town Council is cognizant of the conditions and pre-requisites for the state financial

assistance imposed by Chapter 127c and Part VI of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General Statutes.

Be it further resolved that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of East Haven in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved.

Councilwoman Massaro seconded the motion.

Sarah Morrill, Urban Renewal and Community Development Coordinator for the Town explained that the town applies for this grant every year, there are about 30+ people on the list and they're working on 22 projects; \$300,000 is the maximum amount the Town can apply for. The current policy is that any money repaid goes back into the account for the next eligible resident to utilize.

Councilman McKay asked what the maximum amount a resident can apply for.

Ms. Morrill stated \$25,000 and if it exceeds that amount the work is then prioritized by here department.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #12

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion be it resolved that the duly elected Mayor Capone Almon is empowered to apply for a State Public Library Construction Grant and to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for a State Public Library Construction Grant.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the motion.

Councilman McKay asked how much this will cost and will we receive.

Mr. Mauro indicated approximately \$50,000.00. We will also be doing some improvements to the heating, windows, etc. and the town will pay the difference.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item # 13

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion; a resolution to authorize the demolition of 481 North High Street, East Haven, CT acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and/or its agents, servants, or employees.

Whereas, the property located at 481 North High Street is blighted and its demolition will benefit the Town by expanding the East Haven Police Department and Public Works parking areas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of East Haven, acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and its agents, servants, and/or employees, to effectuate the demolition of 481 North High Street, East Haven, CT, and to undertake any and all tasks to accomplish that end.

Councilwoman Riolino seconded the motion.

Councilman Cofrancesco asked the estimated cost.

Mr. Mauro indicated that the low bid was \$8,000 and the high bid was \$50,000 and we pay for the dumpsters.

Councilman Arpino asked if the Fire Department could use it for a burn.

Mr. Mauro stated that there is asbestos in the house not suitable for the fire department training.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #14

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion; a resolution to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to Reallocate Unexpended Funds for Additional Road Paving.

Whereas, the Board of Finance has determined there are unexpended funds;

Whereas, the Town of East Haven has determined that it is in need of additional road paving to ensure safe roadways throughout its territorial limits;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Town Council authorizes the Town of East Haven, acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and its agents, servants and/or employees, to effectuate and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to Reallocate Unexpended Funds for additional road paving.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Councilman Parlato asked the amount of the funds being reallocated.

Mr. Mauro stated \$223,000 which will be used for Coe Avenue from Silver Sands to the Beach; Russo to Foxon Boulevard, which will be overlaid.

Councilman asked if any LOCIP funds would be used.

Councilman Riolino reaffirm that these funds are from 07/08FY.

Mr. Mauro stated that these are not LOCIP funds and they are from 07/08FY.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #15

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion be it resolved that an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Making Appropriations Aggregating \$2,360,000 For Various Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,360,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" is hereby scheduled for a public hearing June 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT.

Councilman Anania seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #16

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion be it resolved that a public hearing date is hereby scheduled for an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Transferring Funds To Accounts 01-332-0110 Regular Salaries and 01-332-0190 Overtime Wages from Account 01-885-0689 Contingency and 01-167-0901 Blue Cross." is scheduled for June 3, 2008, immediately following the previously scheduled public hearing.

Councilman Arpino seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #17

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion be it resolved that a public hearing date is hereby scheduled for an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Transferring Funds To Accounts 01-771-0711 General Government Interest Payment and 01-771-0717

Education Interest Payment from Account 01-885-0255 Street and Traffic Lights.” is scheduled for June 3, 2008, immediately following the previously scheduled public hearings.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #18

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion be it resolved that the Town Council authorizes the Town of East Haven acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and its agents, servants, and/or employees to consider, to effectuate and act upon the Board of Finance approval of the Tax Department’s “Suspense List Fiscal Year 2007/2008 in the Amount of \$350,480.39.” broken down as follows:

2005	Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$291,115.80
2005	Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$ 59,297.40
2006	Motor Vehicle Grand List	\$ 27.19

Paul Rizza, Director of Finance stated that annually we issue a certain number of vehicles to go to the suspense list and then we utilize a collection agency to pursue the unpaid taxes. They exhaust all avenues and do a national search and then go to small claims court. This action assists us to meet our collection goals.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item # 19

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved, that the Town Council authorizes the Town of East Haven acting by and through Mayor Capone Almon, and its agents, servants, and/or employees to consider, to effectuate and act upon the appointment of Paul Burns as a Constable to commence immediately for a term to expire on November 14, 2009.

Councilman Parlato seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call vote - All in favor. None Opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Parlato asked when the Council was going to address the ethic issues.

Town Attorney, Patricia Cofrancesco indicated possibly next meeting.

Councilman Riolino asked about the Stoner's taxes being abated

Councilman Camera wants to put something together regarding the airport so that when confronted with this issue we are prepared.

Councilman McKay moved to adjourn.

Councilman Riolino seconded the motion.

Voice vote – all in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Temporary Council Clerk