

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2011**

The East Haven Town Council held Public Hearings on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 7:00p.m., at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut, 06512.

Chairman Dougherty called the Meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Roll Call.

11 Present- (Camera, Dougherty, Santino, DePalma, Arpino, Donahue J, Badamo J, Garguilo, Riolino, Carbo, and Anania)

4 Not in Attendance- McKay, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Badamo, D.)

Chairman Dougherty asks everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Depalma reads the following Public Hearing #1:

To consider and act upon an Ordinance concerning an 8-24 referral from Planning & Zoning regarding the expansion and renovation of the Hagaman Library garage to facilitate a handicapped-accessible community room.

2nd by Santino.

Ms. Jenson joins for comment.

She has her architect with her. It's a small addition to the library. The space will be renovated and expand the Children's Room. In addition to that, right next to the garage we will have a Community Room that is wheelchair accessible. Our programs are getting popular so we will have more room. The biggest advantage is that we have funds to pay for the entire project. Nothing comes out of pocket from the Town.

The architect presents with a blueprint of the design. It will be the east side of the lower level of the garage of the library. We will raise the floor to the garage. The community room would come out to the east side. From Main Street it won't really be visible. It is

not extravagant, it matches the main building. (Architect shows illustration to the general public.

Tony Demaio presents. He has complete support for this project. It will give our kids decent space. On the weekends it is extremely overcrowded. It is an efficient. It exceeds my expectations. I can't imagine that this not be done. It is needed. Thank you. Donna Ricco states good job to the Library Board for making this happen.

No further Public Comment.

Any Council Comment.

Riolino asks when the construction would begin.

The architect states that we have the budget ready. Assuming its approved, we have to prepare the drawings and inspections. From our point of view, it can begin in the Fall. Camera states thank you to the Library Board. We are fortunate to have you. It is a plus for our families to enjoy.

No Further Council Comment.

Chairman Dougherty asks if the Library Board has a building committee?

Ms. Jenson states no, not yet. We want to do this though. We think we can do this. I believe the whole Board would like to have some part of this process. We have already voted on approving the funding to do this.

Carbo asks if we give special consideration to the local builders to do this project?

Ms. Jenson states we haven't thought of that. She hasn't done this before. It all depends on the price.

No Further Council Comment.

Anania Motions to close the 1st Public Hearing.

2nd by Camera.

Councilman Depalma reads Public Hearing #2.

To consider and act upon an Ordinance to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance:

Building Maintenance Transfer

Recommendation to Town Council for approval

To: 01-229-0203 Natural Gas 80,000.00
From: 01-886-0001 Fund Balance Contribution 80,000.00

2nd by Badamo.

Tom Thompson joins for comment.

This transfer is for the gas for the old high school. We need a transfer to pay the bill. It runs from 10-20k a month.

No Public Comment.

Carbo asks for the pool?

Tom Thompson states no. It is heating the building. The pool is a separate account.

Anania asks if this is where the Academy was housed?

Tom Thompson states the whole building.

Paul Hongo states for clarification, we took over July 1, 2010. It includes the pools, showers, locker rooms, day-camps, Bidy basketball, etc.

Anania asks about the Fund Balance. Is this the previous year or this year?

Tom Thompson states this is for the old fiscal year, not this year.

Anania asks what we would have left in there?

Riolino asks how much a month? This represents how many months?

Tom Thompson states it is about 10-20k a month. We need to pay April, May, June, etc.

No Further Council Comment.

Santino makes a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

2nd by Camera.

Councilman Depalma reads Public Hearing #3.

To consider and act upon an Ordinance to Increase the Fee Schedule for the Building Department.

Mr. Bassett could not be here. Paul Hongo and Tom Thompson present. This is a follow up to the budget workshop. We are suggesting that we raise the fee up to \$15.00.

These fees are used to run the department. We have to keep up with the times and surrounding areas. We strongly recommend this.

No Public Comment.

Donahue asks what the fee schedule covers?

Paul states there are different fees for different applications. Any home improvements, etc.

Attorney Cofrancesco states any action that will require a permit.

Badamo asks what surrounding towns pay?

Paul Hongo states communities around our size pay \$15.00.

No Further Council Comment.

Aprino makes a Motion to close the Public Hearing.

2nd by Anania.

Councilman Depalma reads the following:

To consider and act upon an Ordinance for an 8-24 referral from Planning & Zoning for proposed improvements (including two bollards, fencing, and an informational kiosk) at the trailhead parking area located at Mansfield Grove Road and Hoop Pole Lane for the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

2nd by Santino.

Barbra Brow, Chairperson presents. It will include the stones to try to deter ATVs from using the Trail. It will be handicap accessible. We will construct a Kiosk for mapping. We will hire a contractor to do a fence for the parking. This will all be funding by the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

Mr. McCan joins. He thinks it is a great idea. Is there any way we can defer people from going there at night.

Ms. Brow states she appreciates the comment and will look into it. The East Haven Police have been very diligent in patrolling the area.

No Further Public Comment.

Depalma asks when will construction begin.

Ms. Brow states we are moving along to access the funds from DOT.

Santino asks about the fencing.

Ms. Brow states it is a bumper height.

No Further Council Comment.

Carbo makes a Motion to close the Public Hearing. 2nd by Arpino.

**Chairman Dougherty calls to Order the Hearing Committee of the Legislative
Town Council at 7:35p.m.**

Roll Call.

11 Present- (Camera, Dougherty, Santino, DePalma, Arpino, Donahue J, Badamo J, Garguilo, Riolino, Carbo, and Anania)

4 Not in Attendance-(McKay, Thompson, Cofrancesco, Badamo, D.)

Anania makes a Motion to collectively vote on all four Public Hearings.

2nd by Carbo.

No Further Discussion.

All in Favor.

None Oppose.

Councilman Depalma reads all Four Public Hearings.

2nd by Badamo.

Roll Call Vote.

11 in Favor (Camera, Dougherty, Santino, DePalma, Arpino, Donahue J, Badamo J, Garguilo, Riolino, Carbo, and Anania)

None Oppose

Camera makes a Motion to Close the Hearing Committee.

2nd by Santino.

All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bianca Genovesi
Council Clerk