

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2011**

The East Haven Town Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 7:30p.m., at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut, 06512.

Chairman Dougherty called the Meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

Roll Call-

12 Present- (Camera, Dougherty, McKay, Santino, DePalma, Arpino, Donahue, J., Thompson, Cofrancesco, Garguilo, Riolino and Badamo, D.)

3 Not in Attendance- (Badamo, J., Carbo and Anania)

Staff- Hongo, Paul (Deputy Director), Tom Thompson (Finance Director), Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco (Town Attorney)

Quorum Present.

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

2 Correspondence

Chairman Dougherty states he did distribute information on two matters, one regarding the annual expense list as well as the completed spreadsheets that we worked with throughout the Budget Meetings process.

There is also a letter from Chief Nappi to Officer Cari. It will be provided to the Council. We will look into the Public Safety Committee to look into the Canine Program. We will wait for any action and information you provide to us.

#3 Approval of Minutes from the May Meeting

Riolino motions to approve the Minutes.

Arpino 2^{nds} the Motion

All in Favor.

McKay abstains.
Motion Carries.

#4 Subcommittee Reports

Councilman Santino states about Public Safety, the License Plate reader is up and running. Councilman Depalma states further that it began Memorial Day weekend. It did a tremendous job. It took 32 cars off the road. It went very well.

Councilwoman Badamo states she is on the Agenda to set a few Hearings for the Park and Rec Commission and there is no new information.

Chairman Dougherty states for the Facility Use Agreement, we need to get more information out there. We are very concerned of liability issues. People need to have a one stop area and get all the information that they need.

Councilman Camera states for economic development they had their last meeting and everything seems to be on the rise. We put aside a position for a part-time economic developer in place. With the economy the way it is, we need someone to keep our buildings rented, etc. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce. The surveys went out; we received a lot of comments. A lot of people in this Town for many years have been in business.

Councilman Cofrancesco states that the Board of Education approved the all-day kindergarten. The kids are getting ready to finish school, they are all excited.

Councilman Depalma states that this year's MADD Annual Award, Dennis Spaulding and Patrick Tracey are being commended. This is Spaulding's fourth consecutive year receiving this Award. It's being held June 15, and it is open to the public.

#5 Paul Hongo addresses the Council

We have a problem with one issue tonight.

this is a legislative meeting, not a labor meeting. The information in the newspaper. My obligation is to defend the Town. I sent these out first thing yesterday morning. I sent it to Finance, Police Commission, Dave Ryan, Town Council, the Chief, Deputy Chief and the Finance Office. For all practical purposes, we have had the Canine Program. They work one on one with the dog. It is extensive training. It will only take direction from the

person we were trained with. It is my understanding the dog is averaged at about six to eight times per year. If it is such a resourceful tool, I find it very strange that no one knocked on the door of my office to make suggestions. I would think that that would be a very important thing five months ago. You had the opportunity. There is a Union Contract. It cannot be any clearer. It is not negotiable. If we have budgetary restraints, we cannot do it. I still have no answer if and when the Officer who works with the dog is coming back. There is always more than one side of the story. It is not a done issue. We can pick it right back up, but that is right where it is. We can discuss it further in the right forum.

Chairman Dougherty states there are procedures and respective commissions to discuss this further. It is not Town Council business at this stage. You will be able to address your concerns at that forum once that meeting is called. This is coming to a halt.

Paul Hongo he states he has nothing further.

Councilman Camera asks if it is in the Budget?

Paul Hongo states that the Canine is funded under the Prisoner's Food Line Item. There was never a Line Item. It is something we have to discuss.

Chairman Dougherty states that there is no public comment. There is no more comment. It is not the business of the Town Council this evening. That is not our duty. This is not an Agenda Item. There are other forums in which you can talk about this. We are moving on.

Councilman Thompson states he understands and would like to hear what he has to say.

Chairman Dougherty states that is not protocol.

#6

Whereas, the Tax Collector of the Town of East Haven hereby recommends the following Tax Refund:

**Anthony Giannone
22 Little Falls Way
Durham CT 06422**

2009-01-0004229 Duplicate payment on 2nd install

\$3570.13

TOTAL \$ 3570.13

Now therefore be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said tax installment is hereby refunded, per the recommendation of the Tax Collector.

2nd by Riolino.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor.

None Oppose

Motion Carries.

#7

To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Old Cemetery Board: Carmel Antonucci for a term commencing on February 1, 2010 and expiring on February 1, 2013.

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven hereby approves the said appointment to the Old Cemetery Board.

2nd by McKay.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose

Motion Carries.

#8

To consider and act upon a re-appointment to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board (RPB):

John E. Leary for a term commencing on July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30,

2014. Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven hereby approves the said appointment to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board (RPB).

2nd by Donahue, J.

No Public Comment.

Camera states it JR.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose.

Motion Carries.

#9

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss action on an 8-24 referral from Planning & Zoning for abandoning a 30' wide x 470-foot long right-of-way reserved by the Town of East Haven located directly west of the intersection of Hemingway Avenue and Short Beach Road to take place on August 2, 2011, at 7:00p.m., at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Badamo, D.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

10 in Favor (Camera, Dougherty, Arpino, Donahue, J., Thompson, Cofrancesco, Badamo J, Riolino, Badamo, J. and Anania)

None Oppose

Motion Carries.

#10

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to consider a proposed Agreement for the sale of 215 & 225 Cosey Beach Avenue to be held on July 5, 2011 at 7:00p.m., at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Thompson.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor
Motion Carries.

#11

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to consider the expansion and renovation of the Hagan Library garage to facilitate a handicapped-accessible Community Room to take place on July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by McKay.

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor.
None Oppose.
Motion Carries.

#12

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss a request from the East Haven Public Schools to extend an existing Lease Agreement with GE Capital to fund technology projects for FY 2011-2012, to take place on July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Thompson.

No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor

None Oppose.
Motion Carries.

#13

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss miscellaneous building maintenance transfers, to take place on July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd Arpino.
No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor
None Oppose.
Motion Carries.

#14

To consider and act upon setting a public Hearing date and time to address an increase in Building Department Fees to take place on July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Badamo.
No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor
None Oppose.
Motion Carries.

#15

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss a request by the Tax Collector to institute and assess a DMV Fee for a Delinquent Property Tax Program, to take place on August 2, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Santino.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose.

Motion Carries.

#16

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss and act upon the Facilities Use Policy for Town Owned Property, to take place on August 2, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Donahue.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose.

Motion Carries.

#17

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to address portable classrooms for the Overbrook School and Ferrara School, to take place ON July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

2nd by Donahue.
No Public Comment.
No Council Comment.
Roll Call Vote
All in Favor
None Oppose.
Motion Carries.

#18

A Resolution permitting the Finance Director for the Town of East Haven to waive competitive bidding for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware for the Finance Department.

Whereas, the Town of East Haven recently suffered a power failure.

Whereas, the Finance Department is in need of computer hardware equipment in order to replace the same as a result of said failure.

Whereas, the purchase of said computer hardware equipment is deemed an emergency purpose.

Whereas, the Charter of the Town of East Haven permits said emergency purchases without the necessity of competitive bidding.

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the Finance Director, acting on behalf of the Town, is hereby permitted to waive competitive bidding for such purpose.

2nd by Donahue.

Mr. Thompson presents. May 25, we had an outage. It lasted about ten minutes. The server would not come back on. We could not get into our financial information. They did some work and we were able to access it. We cannot risk this situation happening again. I'd like to waive competitive bidding. We can go on with our software update.

No Public Comment.

McKay asks if this was a power outage. Can we go after the UI?

Mr. Thompson states he did not consider it and we will certainly look into it.

McKay asks if we have a surge protector?

Cofrancesco asks if we can wait until July?

Mr. Thompson states no, but it is in the budget.

No Further Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose.

Motion Carries.

#19

A Resolution regarding the creation of the position of Economic Development Coordinator.

Whereas, Chapter Three, Section Five of the Charter of the Town of East Haven specifically provides that the Town Council shall either by Resolution or by inclusion in the annual budget, approve the creation of any new job position for the salary for any position which is not governed by a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Whereas, the Town of East Haven, acting by and through its Town Council recently approved the creation of the position of a part-time Economic Development Coordinator. Whereas, the approval of the creation of said position would be in the best interest of the enhancement of the Town of East Haven.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that said position is hereby created and approved.

2nd by Riolino.

Paul Hongo states that we approved the funds in the General Fund. Being that we are going to name it Economic Development Coordinator, we wanted to clear it up. I wanted to inform you about that. I am not sure the procedure. We have to go to the Board of Finance. I added that its nineteen hours per week, \$20.00 an hour. It is not a Union position.

Attorney Cofrancesco states we did it by way of Resolution. Pursuant to the Charter, thi Any Public Comment?

Donna Riccio, Charnes Drive, asks what is the job description?

Paul states that it is to support the existing businesses and look out the existing properties, identify those properties, to see what we can do, etc. I can send it out to everyone.

Donna asks what benefit the Town will have.

Paul Hongo states this is a non-Union, part-time, no benefits. This person can stay focused on making calls, contacting, etc, reaching out, what can we do to help you fill this vacant property? I think this is an excellent opportunity to be proactive.

Councilman Thompson states we have to spend money to make money. Our Town is struggling because we are not like North Haven. We can alleviate the burden from the residents ourselves. We can eliminate the position if it doesn't work out. It's a small amount of money to try something new.

Councilman Santino states we have a lot of property. We need someone to take control of it.

Attorney Cofrancesco states that Councilman Camera also said that because of the survey, the comments from the business owners. This comes at a unique time when we can get this information.

Councilman Camera states that we have property, who will take ownership. We are frustrated because there are two pieces of property that are rented, near Home Depot. If we don't take the bull by the horns, this will never work. Give us the chance to try.

Depalma asks what requirements are needed?

Paul Hongo states they need to have experience and/or a degree. We already have someone that is interested in the position.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

11 All in Favor

2 Oppose (McKay and Arpino)

Motion Carries.

Councilman Thompson motions to Amend tonight's Agenda to add Item Number 20.

Voice Vote.

All in Favor.

None Oppose.

#20

To consider and act upon setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss

action on an 8-24 referral from Planning and 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 to take place on July 5, 2011, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

No Public Comment.

No Council Comment.

Roll Call Vote

All in Favor

None Oppose.

Motion Carries.

Badamo makes a Motion to Adjourn.

2nd by Arpino.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca N. Genovesi

Council Clerk