

## **East Haven Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting** **November 12, 2008**

The East Haven Town Council held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut in order to transact the following:

Chairman Thompson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:32 p.m.

#### **Roll Call** –

Ten (10) present: Vincent Camera, Vincent Arpino, Gary DePalma, Paul Cofrancesco, Janice Donahue, Paul Thompson, Joseph Badamo, Pasquale Garguilo, Michael Riolino, and Diana Badamo.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Staff Present – Mayor April Capone Almon, Town Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco and Ralph Mauro, Assistant Director of Administration and Management.

#### **Item #1**

Chairman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thompson proceeded with a moment of silence for Veterans.

#### **Item #2**

Chairman Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.

Councilman Camera asked that the Minutes be amended to include his concern about the Town Hall staying on top of recycling issues. He indicated that he spoke with the officials at the Town Hall and that they are staying on top of recycling issues.

No Public comment.

Councilman Arpino seconded the Motion to accept the said Minutes.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion Carried.

### Item #3

Mayor April Capone Almon spoke to update the Town Council. She noted that the Christmas Tree arrived today and that the lighting of the tree will take place on the Town Green on Saturday, November 29, 2008 at 5 p.m.

Mayor April Capone Almon also indicated that as today was Veteran's Day, the Town had a parade in celebration of our Veterans. After the Parade, the Mayor went to the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven and thanked them personally for their service to our Country.

Mayor April Capone Almon advised that a suggestion for a Police Task Force was brought to her by Vice-Chairman Gary DePalma, as a way to improve the quality of life for the Citizens of the East Haven. As more research into this matter, costs, and talks with the Police Union continue she will keep the Town Council and Citizens of East Haven updated with this venture.

Mayor April Capone Almon advised that if anybody had any ideas, questions or concerns to call her at the office.

Chairman Camera asked that her "letter" that she had read into the record be published. Mayor April indicated that that would not be a problem.

### Item #4

Town Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco then updated the Town Council with regard to the West End/Blight Initiative. Attorney Cofrancesco indicated that a meeting had been scheduled with the Code Enforcement Committee and the feedback received at that meeting was "what we have now has enough teeth in it, we just need more people to push it." That idea was summarily rejected as the Administration does not wish to add to the work

force in order to launch the initiative. We are still working on the issue and the hope is to put this initiative in action in the spring.

Councilman Camera asked if we would be holding off on the hearing of this matter until the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Attorney Cofrancesco responded in the affirmative.

#### Item #5

Paul Hongo, Jr., Director of Administration and Management was not in attendance. His updates were read by Mayor April Capone Almon.

#### Item #6

Correspondence received from George Hennessey indicating that “effective immediately I resign from the Zoning board of Appeals. This is because I have moved from East Haven.”

#### Item #7

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion, “To Consider and Act Upon the Following Tax Refund per the Recommendation of the Tax Collector.”:

1. GMAC Mortgage, LLC – Attention: Tax Refund  
3451 Hammond Avenue  
Waterloo, Iowa 50707

2006-01-1243 Duplicate payment on 2<sup>nd</sup> installment  
\$2,281.23

No Public comment.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

Item #8

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, that the “Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for December 2, 2008, to take place at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Properties [555 Coe Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut] Acquired from Michael Reznik, in Lieu of Payment of the Taxes thereon to the Town of East Haven.”

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

**Add-on:** Paul Thompson noted Items #8 through 16 are for scheduling a Public Hearing for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and instead of individual roll calls for each Resolution, that the Board as a Group would vote.

No Public Comment.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #9

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for December 2, 2008, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing to take place at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance Authorizing the Town to Transfer Town-Owned Land [103 Warner Road, East Haven, Connecticut] to the List of Available Land for Purchase.”

Councilman Riolino asked whether this land will be put on the Town List. Ralph Mauro indicated that it is.

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the Motion.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #10

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for December 2, 2008, immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing to take place at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinances to Address Blight in the Town of East Haven.”

Councilman Arpino asks if this is the same issue that Attorney Cofrancesco addressed early and that we had already voted. Chairman Thompson indicates that it is.

No Public Comment.

Councilman Riolino seconded the Motion.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #11

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, that “the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut at 7 p.m. to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Extending the Service of Captain James L. LaBanca.”

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #12

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance for the Adoption of an Arts Council to Promote Arts and Cultural Programs and Projects Within the Community of the Town of East Haven.”

Councilman Arpino seconded.

No Public Comment.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #13

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Property from D. William Owens, Jr. in Lieu of Payment of the Taxes Thereon, for the Purpose of Transferring said Properties to the East Haven Land Trust, Inc.” “

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Garguilo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #14

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Grant an Exemption of Property Taxes for Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Certain Authorized Alternative Fuel Vehicles.” “

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #15

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven herewith schedules a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to take place immediately following the previously scheduled Public Hearing at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance for the Appointment of Members of the Public to Work with Town Staff and Planning Consultants During the Development of the East Haven Skate Park.” “

No Public Comment.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #16

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “To Consider and Act upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing Tara Pisaturo-Pelatowski to Act on Behalf of the Town of East Haven as the Community Development Coordinator in Executing Any and All Documents Necessary to Conduct Bank Transactions and to act as a Signatory on Commercial Signature Documents.” “

No Public Comment.

Councilman Joe Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #17

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “To Consider and Act upon a Resolution entitled “A Resolution Authorizing Town Attorney Patricia A. Cofrancesco to Act on Behalf of the Town of East Haven in providing a “Hold Harmless” Letter to the South Central Criminal Justice Administration.”

Councilman Riolino questioned if this is something that has to get done each year? Town Attorney Cofrancesco indicates that it was her understanding that they are regularly updated.

No Public Comment.

Councilman Joe Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

### Item #18

Vice-Chairman DePalma made the following Motion, “To Consider and Act upon a Resolution entitled, “A Resolution Authorizing Mayor April Capone Almon, to execute any and all documents associated with the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection, Liquor Control Division for the purpose of securing a One (1) Day Liquor Permit for a Fundraiser for the Benefit of the East Haven Animal Shelter.” “

Councilman Badamo questioned if the money was going to go for the care of the animals. Animal Control Officer Owen Little indicated that it was.

Public questioned why this permit would be necessary if the Beachhead already had a permit. Animal Control Officer Owner Little indicated it was because it would be for the alcohol that is being brought in for the Fund Raiser.

No Other Public Comment.

Councilman Joe Badamo seconded.

Roll Call – All in favor – None opposed.

Five (5) Absent: Ken McKay, Fred Parlato, Ronald Toothe, Richard Anania  
and Carol Massaro.

Motion carried.

No other business to come before the Town Council. The Meeting was  
adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June A. Dunphy, Council Clerk