

**Town of East Haven
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In accordance with Chapter VII, Section 5 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council held the following public hearings on March 9, 2010 at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue East Haven, CT:

Chairman Dougherty called the public hearings to order at 7:00.

Roll call –

13 Present (Camera, Santino, Donahue, DePalma, Dougherty, P. Thompson, Cofrancesco, J. Badamo, Garguilo, Riolino, Anania, D. Badamo Carbo)

2 Not in Attendance (McKay, Arpino)

Quorum Present.

Staff Present: Paul Hongo, Deputy Director; Patty Cofrancesco, Town Attorney

1. To consider an act upon an Ordinance authorizing Mayor April Capone Almon to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation to accept its offer to sell town owned property for right of way/easement.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, is in need of acquiring property for a Main Street Signal Improvement Project, in East Haven, Connecticut.

WHEREAS, the location of said property acquisition, is specifically referenced on a map, revised to October, 2009, showing the acquisition of a defined traffic easement.

WHEREAS, the State's offer to acquire said property, for the purpose of said easement, is \$2,650.00.

WHEREAS, said offer was based upon an Estimate of Compensation prepared by the State of Connecticut, Office of Rights of Way.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, is authorized to act on behalf of the Town of East Haven in conveying said property and has the concomitant authority to delegate said responsibility for the

purpose of signing any and all documents associated therewith to Mayor April Capone Almon for the purpose of affecting the same.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of East Haven to convey said property to the State of Connecticut to convey said property for a defined traffic easement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven hereby authorizes said sale, and further authorizes Mayor April Capone Almon to execute any and all documents associated with the same.

James Staunton, Town Engineer explained that the contract was very straight forward from the CT DOT. This easement would allow the state to travel on town property to maintain the signal box. This project is associated with the Main Street signalization project. Councilman Riolino inquires as to the upkeep. Mr. Staunton stated that the Town is still responsible for the upkeep because the land will not be purchased; this agreement is just granting the easement for safety measure.

No Further Comments.

Councilman Thompson motioned to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Santino.

All in Favor.

Hearing Closed.

2. To consider an act upon an Ordinance authorizing the East Haven Animal Shelter to be renamed.

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven owns and operates a shelter for sick, injured, and abandoned animals within the municipality.

WHEREAS, it has successfully met these goals, on a long standing basis, due to the commitment of its Animal Control Officer, his staff, and a round of volunteers.

WHEREAS, the Town now wishes to rename its Shelter to the Lesley E. Simoni Animal Shelter, in name of an individual who devoted many man

hours to the establishment, and served its mission honorably, during her lifetime.

WHEREAS, renaming said shelter, in her name, would assist this municipality in securing grant monies, in the future.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of this municipality to do so.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Town of East Haven hereby names the East Haven Animal Shelter the Lesley E. Simoni Animal Shelter.

Animal Control Officer Owen Little stated to the Council members that Ms. Simoni is a long time volunteer of the shelter, almost 13 years. She volunteers daily, transports sick animals out of state, and during a recent extreme case of animal cruelty she and her husband took time off to assist East Haven with the case.

In addition, having it named after a private citizen would help attain greater funding from grant sources.

Councilman Badamo stated after hearing the great sacrifices of Ms. Simoni it should be named in her honor.

No Further Comments.

Councilman Thompson motioned to close the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Santino.

All in Favor.

Hearing Closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica Berg, Council Clerk