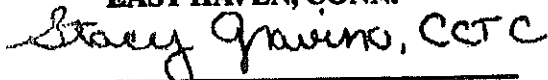


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EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Ken McKay calls the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Item #1

Roll Call-14 present- 1 absent (Butler III).

A quorum is present.

Chairman Ken McKay asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Louis Pacelli asks for a moment of silence for the victims of the Virginia Beach shooting.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #3

Correspondence:

- Chairman Ken McKay indicates he received notice of a groundbreaking event for 200 Tyler Street from Sal Brancati. The event is to commemorate the redevelopment of 200 Tyler Street as a flagship community center and age-restricted housing. WinnDevelopment will perform the restoration of the historic property creating 70 units of age-restricted housing. The Town will rehabilitate the rear of the property including the pool and gymnasium, with plans to construct a theater for the arts meeting chambers for use by the Town Council and other Town commissions. This will take place on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 11:00AM at 200 Tyler Street. It is open to public and all are welcome to attend.

Item #4

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building;
(*Robert Parente, Lou Pacelli, Linda Hennessey*)
 - o Councilman Robert Parente says the end of the school year is here, field days are starting and the kids and teachers are all excited for this time of year.
- b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare;
(*"BIG" Steve Tracey, Rich Anania, Joe Santino*)
 - o Councilman Big Steve Tracey indicates he got a call today indicating that they aren't going anything for flag day, no ceremony or anything because they won't have the school band there.
 - o Chairman McKay says he doesn't know anything about that.
 - o Councilman Joseph Santino says if the high school band isn't available they can have the middle school band.
 - o Councilman Nicholas Palladino says they still have a problem where the Fire Department is ignoring their request that they mark the two vehicles as per the Town Charter. He knows Mr. Parente has spoken to them about it also. He indicates he would like to make a motion that they send them a formal letter to the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief saying they must adhere to the Town Charter. They are not exempt from the Town Charter, nobody is. He adds that he has spoken personally to both of them and for whatever reason they are ignoring it.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion that they send a formal letter to the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief telling them they must adhere to the Town Charter.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

Council discussion:

- o Councilwoman Linda Hennessey asks Councilman Palladino to repeat what he said in the beginning.
- o Councilman Palladino explains that the Town Charter clearly states that all Town owned vehicles be marked Town of East Haven and the Department they belong to. The only exceptions are cars that are used for investigative purposes in the police department and the mayor's car. The Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief's cars are not exempt and the only way they would be is they would have to come to the Council with a really good reason and get their vote. The fire commission has no authority to tell them no, the Mayor's office has no authority; nobody has that authority except the Council and that is per the Town Charter. He indicates he spoke to both of

them and he is asking that they send a formal letter ordering them to follow the charter.

Roll call vote: 8 in favor- 4 oppose (Parente, Mckay, Hennessey, Jaffe)- 2 abstain (Sittnick and Esposito). Motion carries.

c. Subcommittee on Finance; **no report**

(Judy Sittnick, Joseph Badamo, Joseph Carfora)

d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation;

(Robert Parente, Joseph Deko, Lori Jaffe)

- o Councilman Joseph Deko reports that the beach opened up there were a lot of people there and there was a lot of garbage so public works is going to be getting more garbage cans. The parking was atrocious in the neighborhoods by nonresidents. He has lists of emails from constituents that are complaining about people parking in front of their houses and blocking driveways. The police department was called and they handled some of the calls. He asks what the procedure is, is it something where the Town Council can propose an Ordinance for parking down there for resident only parking in certain areas. The Council passes ordinances but his question is whether or not it is something they can create.
 - o Attorney Al Zullo indicates he would have to research it.
 - o Councilwoman Judy Esposito said she thought there were already no parking signs there to which Councilman Joseph Deko says only in certain areas.
 - o Councilwoman Judy Sittnick says why weren't the violations taken care of to which Joseph Deko says some of them were but the issue is that nonresidents park in a lot of the areas and it's not just nonresidents but people leave a lot of trash blocks up from the beach and it is a nightmare navigating because the streets are already narrow to begin with and with parking on both sides it is difficult for vehicles to navigate the streets. He feels a solution would be resident only parking in certain areas. He wants to know the legal aspect of it.
- e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing; **no report**
- (Richard Anania, Henry Butler, III, Joseph Deko)*
- f. Temporary Subcommittee on Community Group Stipends;
- (Kenneth Mckay, Nick Palladino, Robert Parente)*
- o Chairman Ken Mckay asks if anyone is interested in being on this committee. He is planning on stepping down and Councilman Palladino and Councilman Parente are on it now. Councilman Big Steve Tracey volunteers to join.

Item #5

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee to sign a "General Services Mutual Police Assistance Compact" among Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven.

A Resolution approving and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, to sign a "General Services Mutual Police Assistance Compact" among Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby approves the "General Services Mutual Police Assistance Compact" proposed to be executed by the Town of East Haven, Branford, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven in the form substantially as presented to the council concurrent with the passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to sign the aforementioned compact, any and all documents necessary to give effect to the same, and any amendments thereto which may be proposed in the future in which the sole change involves the addition of another department of municipality to the compact, provided the addition creates no substantive change in the operation or function of the compact.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

- Police Chief Ed Lennon indicates they have already taken action before on their tactical and swat team compact and the traffic team compact. They have also taken action on this compact when they originally signed it a few years ago and that compact only covered our relationship with North Branford and North Haven and it has since expanded to Branford, Guilford and Madison. This covers everything else, it is basically just a natural progression and it is more of a protection for the Towns involved for mutual aid requests. This involves non-emergency requests not the emergency requests where they respond immediately. It can be anything from assistance at something like our fireworks event we have in a few weeks if we needed them to assign people and it comes into play a lot when it comes to joint town investigations. With the Internet everywhere now with cell phones having the Internet, investigations don't stay within town borders, they cross everywhere so we do a lot of joint investigations with at least 5 other towns.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #6

To consider and act upon "A Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with the Police Department's Repair of a 2018 Dodge Charger (Vehicle 29)."

A Resolution Waiving the Town Charter's Competitive Bidding Requirements in Connection with the Police Department's Repair of a 2018 Dodge Charger (Vehicle 29)

WHEREAS, the Police Department's "Vehicle 29" recently sustained damage in connection with the apprehension of a suspect;

AND WHEREAS, the Police Department desires to repair the vehicle as quickly as possible, so as to keep the Department's fleet functioning at the appropriate level;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter provides that all purchases in excess of the applicable bid cap shall be by competitive bidding;

AND WHEREAS, waiving the competitive bidding requirement will allow the Police Department to pursue the repair of the vehicle quickly and return it to the active fleet;

AND WHEREAS, the Finance Director recommends that the Council waive the competitive bidding requirement to allow the Police Department to repair the vehicle;

AND WHEREAS, the Town Charter's bidding requirements may be waived by two-thirds of the members present and voting;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that any competitive bidding requirements associated with the Police Department's proposed repair of a 2018 Dodge Charger (Vehicle 29) are hereby waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this bid waiver shall expire on December 31, 2019.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says he has a problem waiving this bid and he knows we have used an out of town body shop to do repairs in the past. But previous to that we had a body shop in East Haven that did an awful lot of

work for us. He believes we have 5 body shops in East Haven and they all own property and pay taxes and should have the right to bid on Town work. We had the buy East Haven be East Haven campaign a few years ago and we sort of went away from that. We gave this particular body shop several jobs in the recent past and now we are giving them another one and he has constituents in his district that own body shops and are calling him and saying they pay their taxes and don't get a chance to bid on this. An outside insurance company isn't paying this; we are paying this. He feels strongly that we should not waive the bid. Put it out and if the out of Town one is the best fine but if they aren't lets give our taxpayers a chance to make some money that they are paying.

- Councilman Big Steve Tracey asks if this is already fixed or being fixed now to which Chief Lennon says no.
- Councilman Richard Anania asks if anyone answered the bid.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says it was never bid they want to waive the bid.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says these are local people they know about the accidents and they look in the paper and there is no bid.
- Councilman Big Steve Tracey asks if there is a problem or reason why they want to do this.
- Chief Lennon says 90% of the parts are coming directly from Chrysler so regardless of what body shop did it, the majority of the request is for parts. Unlike other cars or brands Chrysler doesn't have a lot of after market parts you have to buy them directly from Chrysler so you will notice in the quote the parts are coming from the distributor based in Rhode Island. As far as the labor itself, it is not that much. And the reality is he can use the car sooner rather than later.
- Chairman Ken McKay asks if this company did the repair for the last car to which Chief Lennon said yes. He asks if it has to do with the quality of the work they did on the last one.
- Chief Lennon says their quality of work is excellent, they are very familiar with Chryslers and due to the need for safety of the officers these cars have a lot of airbags, which is the biggest cost, and having to put them back in the car is a lot of where the costs come from.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says he believes all of our body shops are certified to do the same work; they are licensed and certified and should have an opportunity to bid on the work.
- Councilwoman Loria Jaffe asks how far it would be pushed out as far as a time frame if they didn't waive the bid.
- Chief Lennon says they have to put it out to bid for 10 days.
- Attorney Al Zullo says they first have to publish it, and then they have to have it out to bid for 10 days so it is probably 30 days or so.
- Councilman Big Steve Tracey says what if they did it for this one and then from now on put them out to bid because he needs the car back.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says if it was put out to bid properly like the charter says, it could have already been done.

- Chairman Ken McKay asks how long the car has been damaged to which Chief Lennon says he brought it up during the budget hearing so about 30-40 days ago.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says in all that time the bid could have gone out, come back and been done.
- Chief Lennon says it also takes a long period of time to get the parts from Chrysler unfortunately and they have control over it because they don't have remarketed parts.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks if he has a number on the parts cost to which Chief Lennon says it's about \$13,000 and the whole job is \$17,000.
- Councilwoman Linda Hennessey says he mentioned they have done work for us before and the major costs are the parts so the labor is less than \$4,000.

Roll call vote: 13 in favor- 1 in opposition (Palladino)- none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution accepting the Suspense List for Tax Collection for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the total amount of \$386,093.41 and authorizing the Tax Collector to place said accounts on suspense.

A Resolution accepting the Suspense List for Tax Collection for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the total amount of \$386,093.41 and authorizing the Tax Collector to place said accounts on suspense.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby accepts the Suspense List for Tax Collection for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the total amount of \$386,093.41 as presented by the Tax Collector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is authorized to place said accounts on suspense according to the following:

2003 Personal Property	\$406.80
2004 Personal Property	\$453.00
2005 Personal Property	\$1,679.88
2006 Personal Property	\$1,016.84
2007 Personal Property	\$1,005.40
2010 Personal Property	\$756.55
2011 Personal Property	\$2,506.66
2012 Personal Property	\$45,961.40
2013 Personal Property	\$33,314.71
2014 Personal Property	\$34,404.61
2015 Personal Property	\$83,323.86

2007 Motor Vehicle	\$145.55
2014 Motor Vehicle	\$211.86
2015 Motor Vehicle	\$2,249.88
2016 Motor Vehicle	\$137,613.51
2015 – Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$320.07
2016 – Supplemental Motor Vehicle	\$35,576.42
2017 – Deceased Motor Vehicle Supp.	\$5,146.41
Total FY 2018-2019	\$386,093.41

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

- Tax Collector Lucille Huelin explains that this is something they do every year. With regard to 2003-2015 in personal property, in the past they have sort of ignored it and let it go on for years and she has been trying to catch up and get to a more current level so they are only looking at 2-3 years in back taxes that haven't been collected. Most personal property is for businesses that are no longer here. The motor vehicles they are pretty current on but sometimes there are add on bills where they had a bill in 2015 that wasn't supposed to be there so they send it to us now and it doesn't get paid anyway so now we put it on the suspense list.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Robert Parente says there are 26 days left in this budget year, why are we waiting so long? What took so long to put this list together?
- Mrs. Huelin says the State Statute says it has to be to the Town Council by June, this is the way the tax office has done it every year where they wait until the end of April to put it together then they present it to the Board of Finance in May and the Town Council in June. They can do it earlier if that's what they prefer but she is continuing what has been done in the past.
- Councilman Robert Parente says they have never gotten it this late with 26 days until the budget closes to which Mrs. Huelin says she would have to check what date it was last year but they were here in June.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks what efforts are made to collect this to which Mrs. Huelin says yes this is collectable for 15 years.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says before it is suspended, what efforts does the tax office make to collect it.

- Mrs. Huelin says they do everything they possibly can. When they send a bill if it comes back with a bad address they go into the DMV's website, they use a true search database, they look through the election lists, etc. and if they can't find it they turn it over to the Marshal because they have more resources. The Marshals go out and knock on doors and they have done bank executions. If the Marshals are not successful for automobiles and personal property they get turned over to Rossi Law Firm, which handles collections and they send out notices and take people to court.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says he looked at the lists and there are banks on there, companies on there that owe money like one who he contacted today and they told him that they moved to new haven and he said they were never contacted. He adds Abates Pizza and some town hall employees on there.
- Mrs. Huelin says in some cases they might not be the same owner. She can't go after a son if it is in the name of the father. State law doesn't allow this. She says there are times they put executions on bank accounts and the people close their accounts. And she has gone to Town employees.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says there are some businesses on here that we know are still in business and are the same people. He adds that there is someone on the list for four years that is a retiree on medical benefits; we pay their benefits so we obviously know where they are.
- Mrs. Huelin says she doesn't know every name on the list so if any of them know someone they can let her know and she will contact the Town Attorney to see what can be done.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says he would like to sit on this for a few weeks. Or he asks if once we do this can she still collect? Mrs. Huelin says she can collect for 15 years. He asks if we still collect the amount and they just add their fees onto it. She indicates yes, if they owe \$100 they still owe that plus the fees added.
- Councilwoman Loria Jaffe says they can go after them once on the suspense list so they would be unsuspended so to speak. So while in suspension is interest and fees added to which Mrs. Huelin says yes.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

- Mrs. Huelin adds in this particular year from last July through May they collected \$162,000 from ones that have been previously suspended.

Item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution approving a "First Amendment to the Land Lease Option and Lease Agreement" between the Town of East Haven and Greenskies

Renewable Energy, LLC and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. or his designee to execute the same.

A Resolution approving a “First Amendment to the Land Lease Option and Lease Agreement” between the Town of East Haven and Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC and authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. or his designee to execute the same.

WHEREAS, at a meeting held December 19, 2017, the Town Council approved a lease for 240 Commerce Street, East Haven, Connecticut between the Town of East Haven and Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC;

AND WHEREAS, the Town, acting by and through its Mayor, subsequently entered into said lease and option agreement in furtherance of exploring the construction of a solar panel farm at the property;

AND WHEREAS, given the current grant climate and in order to facilitate the successful construction and operation of the solar panel farm, the parties wish to amend said lease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby approves a “First Amendment to the Land Lease Option and Lease Agreement” between the Town of East Haven and Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to execute said lease amendment in the form substantially as presented to this Council along with any other documents necessary to give effect to the same.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Robert Parente seconds the motion.

- Sal Brancati- Director of Administration & Management- Mr. Brancati explains that a few years ago they approved a lease with Greenskies Renewable Energy for the landfill that has generated \$0 income for the Town over the last 20+ years. During those negotiations they settled on a \$15,000 per year land lease and Greenskies would create and build a 1-megawatt solar panel farm. The expectations at the time was that virtual net metering would be approved by the House and the Senate but unfortunately last year they decided to table it so the project sort of went into limbo. Without virtual net metering, energy could have only been sold to United Illuminating at a very discounted rate. Virtual net metering allows a solar farm to sell power to a municipality and agricultural facility or eligible recipient of green energy. His understanding is virtual net

metering passed the House in one of their meetings and now it is to go to the Senate and the Chairman of the energy committee in the Senate was very supportive so it should get approved and then it goes to PURA which needs to do a set of approvals on the solar farm. What they are proposing tonight is a reduction in the lease agreement from \$15,000 to \$7,500 during the time that they are waiting for these approvals and then once the approvals are in place they renegotiated a \$5,000 increase to the lease which would bring it to \$20,000 per year. So they would be giving them a 6-9 month concession by reducing the rent and then over the next 20 years they would pick up an extra \$5,000 per year. So if the Council sees fit and they are willing to do this amendment they could execute it and move forward. He adds that Greenskies has already spent a considerable amount of money as they have all their zoning applications in, their engineering work is done, their title searches are done and they have worked with the FAA because of our proximity to the airport. They want to get this built by April of 2020 as they have secured Z Rex's as part of the construction cost to build the solar farm. He indicates Ron Wedding, a representative from Greenskies is there tonight. This temporary gap and reduction in the lease payment is for a very short time. The project generates about \$400,000 in revenue to the Town that we would have never seen from that landfill.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Joseph Santino asks how long they are talking for this reduction. He would like to specify it in there so they have a deadline they have to meet.
- Mr. Brancati says it can be 6-9 months. Their control is based on the Senate finishing their final vote and then it has to go to PURA, which is the regulatory body for the utilities, for review/approval and there is a possibility that the citing council may want to review it for storm water runoff off the panels into the ground.
- Ron Wedding indicates 6-9 months is a reasonable amount of time; it will take them about 4 months to build it.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks if this is all on the company and no cost to the Town and they will fence it in and everything.
- Mr. Brancati says yes, it will be at no cost to the Town and it will be fenced in at the expense of Greenskies.
- Mr. Wedding indicates the reason they are asking for the reduced lease is that before they can do virtual net metering which has to go through the regulatory process, to get it built they have to spend the money. Then they will send the electricity to UI at wholesale prices.
- Mr. Brancati adds with virtual net metering in place the Town of East Haven has the option of being the off taker of that power. It requires a bit of an analysis of

whatever we pay now with Paul Rizza doing a great job in negotiating our utility rates for electricity. When it is built, if we can be the off taker of the solar farm tower we will save additional money. In lieu of just doing an energy audit with Honeywell, we now know what the largest uses of electricity are in our Town. Taking the high school for instance, Ron can take the meter from there and if it is cost advantageous for us, we become the off taker of the power and get a further reduction in our rates for electricity to the High School. We can pick any building for that matter and reduce electric costs.

- Councilman Joseph Santino says the thing they are doing with Honeywell, will it conflict with the savings we are getting here at the solar farm. Our bill is supposed to be high so they are guaranteeing us x amount of dollars.
- Mr. Brancati says the Honeywell deal is a guarantee of savings. If we can cut it more, we will end up with more savings. It won't conflict and Honeywell's guarantee is on the table with our current rates.
- Mr. Redding adds that if the Town of East Haven is not able to save, it can elect not to take it; they would go out to another Town.
- Mr. Brancati says we are not obligated to take the power, if it works for us we take it if it doesn't work we don't sign a power purchase agreement and they just pay the lease of \$20,000 per year. It's their call and they will do an analysis and bring it to the Mayor and if it works the Mayor will submit it to the Town Council if there will be a savings.
- Councilwoman Loria Jaffe wanted to clarify the "if" he said. Mr. Brancati says they will check the rates and it is our choice. They will find out what the cost is for Greenskies to deliver 1 kilowatt of energy to the Town. For example if we are paying \$.09 now and Greenskies says they can do it for \$0.08 then it's a savings for kilowatt-hours.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks how many panels they are looking at to which Mr. Redding says 4,000 panels.
- Councilman Big Steve Tracey asks if there is a chance it won't pass to which Mr. Brancati says they have been told by the Chairman of the energy committee in the Senate that it will pass and that the Governor's office is also in favor of it.
- Councilman Robert Parente asks besides the lease arrangement will the equipment being used on the site be taxable. Mr. Brancati says energy projects are not taxable when it comes to personal property.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says did they look at the reflection of the 4,000 panels on the hill. Because that is right in the flight path.
- Mr. Redding says they got approval from the FAA and it is all non-reflecting glass. They have done a lot of sites near airports.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Banning the Use of Any Tobacco Product on Town Properties." The Public Hearing shall take place on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance Banning the Use of Tobacco and Vaping Products on Town Properties."

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Town Charter and Section A, Item 3 of the Town Council Standing Rules, a public hearing shall take place on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to discuss "An Ordinance Banning the Use of Tobacco and Vaping Products on Town Properties."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council clerk and Town Attorney are charged to effectuate notice of said public hearing in accordance with the Town Charter and the Standing Rules.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Ken McKay asks the clerk to send a letter to the Recreation Director to be present for this meeting.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to add to the agenda action on setting a public hearing to discuss amending an existing Ordinance to add prohibiting dogs on the Town beach.

Councilman Joseph Deko seconds the motion.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Linda Hennessey asks if they can amend it rather than having a public hearing to which Councilman Santino says they need to have the hearing to amend the Ordinance.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli mentions the existing Ordinance that says no dogs, but it should say no animals. Councilman Joseph Santino says it does say or other animals.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #9A

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion to set a public hearing for July 2, 2019 at 7pm to discuss amending the existing Ordinance that says no dogs or other animals on the Town Green to also say no dogs or other animals on the Town beach.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #10

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An ordinance making an appropriation of \$7,200,000.00 for the purchase and installation of equipment to achieve energy savings at various municipal buildings and schools in the Town of East Haven and authorizing the issuance of \$7,200,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose." The Public Hearing shall take place on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

A Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss "An ordinance making an appropriation of \$7,200,000.00 for the purchase and installation of equipment to achieve energy savings at various municipal buildings and schools in the Town of East Haven and authorizing the issuance of \$7,200,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose."

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Town Charter and Section A, Item 3 of the Town Council Standing Rules, a public hearing shall take place on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut to discuss "An ordinance making an appropriation of \$7,200,000.00 for the purchase and installation of equipment to achieve energy savings at various municipal buildings and schools in the Town of East Haven and authorizing the issuance of \$7,200,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council clerk and Town Attorney are charged to effectuate notice of said public hearing in accordance with the Town Charter and the Standing Rules.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #11

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$2,500.97 to Corelogic as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$2,500.97 to Corelogic

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

Corelogic

ATTN: Refund Department

P.O.Box 9202

Coppell, TX 75019

Acct./List: 2015-01-006848

Reason: Overpayment made by the bank

Amount: \$2,500.97

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #12

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,597.38 to Quicken Loans as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,597.38 to Quicken Loans

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

Quicken Loans

ATTN: Tax Team

635 Woodward Ave.

Detroit, MI 48226

Acct./List: 2016-01-0007693

Reason: Overpayment made by the bank

Amount: \$1,597.38

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

(Councilman Robert Parente was absent for vote)

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to waive the reading of the full accounts and amounts.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

(Councilman Robert Parente was absent for vote)

Item #13

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,198.04 to Bienestar Y Salud, LLC as follows:

A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$1,198.04 to Bienestar Y Salud, LLC

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

AND, WHEREAS, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

Bienestar Y Salud, LLC

46 William Street
West Haven, CT 06516

Reason : Taxpayer did not know where he was living during these years. As a result, our assessor removed the bills and sent them to New Haven.

Acct./List: 2015-03-0051755

Amount: \$250.30

Acct./List: 2015-03-005177

Amount: \$159.04

Acct./List: 2015-04-0080401

Amount: \$225.72

Acct./List: 2015-04-0080402

Amount: \$101.11

Acct./List: 2016-03-0051975

Amount: \$228.12

Acct./List: 2017-03-0052025

Amount: \$143.05

Acct./List: 2017-04-0080408

Amount: \$90.70

TOTAL: \$1,198.04

AND, WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

This resolution shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Richard Anania says with all due respect to the person, how do they not know where they are living?
- Mrs. Huelin says sometimes people don't know where they live and sometimes they are trying to get away with something. In some instances when you go to DMV to get a new license you live in New Haven and have zip code of 06512. She's not putting the blame on them, but DMV doesn't seem to differentiate between streets in the Towns so they put an East Haven address for example they live on Harrington Street in East Haven or Burr Street in East Haven when they really live in New Haven. And they know New Haven charges more so why would they complain. DMV sends them the information saying they live in East Haven so they send them the bill because they don't know where they actually live. She had the same situation with someone in North Haven and she asked her why they paid the bill when they live in East Haven and their kids go to East Haven School and her answer was she gets a bill and she pays it. So she got a bill from North Haven and then paid it. Sometimes its because they know it is cheaper and then at some point they don't pay the bill so they have a delinquency which goes to the Marshal or Lawyer which adds on an additional 15% so then they come in and say they don't live here. Then they go to the

Assessor's Office and prove to them that they weren't living in East Haven at the time and under State law the Assessor has to send it to New Haven and they have to pay the bill in New Haven and they have to get a refund from us because we shouldn't have collected it here.

- Councilman Big Steve Tracey says it happened to him; he mailed a check by accident to New Haven and they took the check and kept the money for like 3 months.
- Councilman Joseph Badamo says sometimes the property is half in one Town half in another.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says the problem he has with it is he has a West Haven address now and they don't border with East Haven anywhere.
- Mrs. Huelin says a lot of these people move every 3-4 months.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks where the vehicle was housed.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino asks if he has paid any taxes on the vehicles.
- Mrs. Huelin says he paid us but he proved to the assessor's office that during this period of time that the bill was formed he did not live here. So that is why we have to return the funds. They ask for certain criteria and he proved it.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says so nobody is ever going to send him a bill for that period of time?
- Mrs. Huelin says we sent the bill to New Haven.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says but then if we give the money back for those three years he said he didn't know where he lived he won't pay taxes.
- Mrs. Huelin says we sent the bill to New Haven so now he will have to pay them.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says what if he goes to New Haven and says he didn't live there he lived in West Haven to which Mrs. Huelin says that does happen. The bill is as of October 1st.
- Councilman Big Steve Tracey asks why we aren't sending the check to New Haven instead of giving it to him.
- Mrs. Huelin says it will be a different amount because New Haven has a higher rate so we sent the bill to them. Also, once he comes in and proves he didn't live here the bill gets sent to New Haven and now he has 30 days to pay it without interest.
- Councilman Santino asks why he is coming in with this now.
- Mrs. Huelin says it happens all the time; there can be some kind of a problem now. For instance someone comes in and says their vehicle registration expires and they say they don't live in East Haven so she tells them to go to the Assessor's office and bring paperwork proving it and they say they don't have time so they pay the bill and then 3 months later they come back and prove it and we have to provide the refund.

Roll call vote: 5 in favor-8 oppose (Santino, Deko, Palladino, Pacelli, Carfora, Tracey, Badamo and Anania)- none abstain. Motion fails.
(Councilman Robert Parente was absent for vote)

Item #14

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Loria makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council