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EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016
Stacy Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512 in order to transact the following.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
He asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1

Roll Call -12 present – 3 absent (Santino, Depalma and Butler III).
A quorum is present.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the October 4, 2016 Public Hearing.

Councilman William Richardson makes a motion.
Councilwoman Linda Hennessey seconds a motion.

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

Item #3

Approval of minutes from the October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.
Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds a motion.

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

Item #4

Correspondence-

- A letter from Mayor Maturo thanking the Council for their support and bipartisan efforts during the budget season following the Town's two-tier upgrade in its bond rating from A- to A+. (Full letter attached).
- Chairman Parlato mentions an invitation to Council members to a demonstration of the East Haven School Readiness Council. The invitation listed an incorrect

number that is actually a fax, we will get the correct number and invitation and the clerk will send to all Council members.

- There was an email sent to Council members inviting them to Guilford's Public Hearing on the Shoreline Greenway Trail, but it is tonight so unfortunately it wouldn't be possible for the Council members to attend.

Item #5

Subcommittee Reports-

- Education-no report
- Finance-no report
- Housing-no report
- Park/Rec-no report
- Public Safety- Chairman Parlato says he submitted a list to the Police Department with about 10 names of employees that work in Town Hall, Public Works, etc. that will be getting identification cards. This is for when they make site visits on either public or private property they have proper identification cards on them. He will follow up in the next week or so to be sure they have been contacted and that they got done.

Item #6

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting the Regular Meeting Schedule of the Town Council from January 2017 to December 2017.

A Resolution setting the Regular Meeting Schedule of the Town Council from January 2017 to December 2017

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 1-225 requires that the Town Council file with the Town Clerk, not later than January thirty-first of each year, its schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, no regular meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days after such schedule has been filed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall be the dates for regular Town Council meetings, to be held on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of holidays) at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut, from January, 2017 through December, 2017:

January 3, 2017
February 7, 2017

March 7, 2017

April 4, 2017

May 2, 2017

June 6, 2017

July 11, 2017

August 1, 2017

September 5, 2017

October 3, 2017

November 14, 2017

December 5, 2017

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds a motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato explains that for those who do not already know, they set the Agenda previous to the meetings so that whatever needs to be brought up at the meetings is discussed ahead of time. Representatives from both political parties attend to set the schedule. It can be altered during the year due to weather conditions or anything that comes up unexpectedly. But they are required to set a schedule ahead of time. He is ending his 21st year on the Council and has been through this quite a few times, so anyone who wants to address the Council the best way to do it is through the Council members, there are 15 members from 5 different voting districts. The best thing to do is contact them before their administrative meetings so they can discuss it and determine what should be done and then they would bring it up at the regularly scheduled meeting.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says he knows two times they had to cancel meetings, he was opposed to it being cancelled just because the Town Attorney happens to be on vacation. He hopes this won't be an ongoing thing again, they should check to make sure the meetings aren't when he is out of Town. That is a poor excuse for canceling a meeting.
- Chairman Parlato says as he has explained before, as Chairman of the Council he has the authority to alter the schedule. If he thinks the Town Attorney is needed at the meeting and he is not available and there isn't someone to fill his place then he will cancel that meeting. He has done it before; he hopes he won't have to do it on a regular basis. Doing it twice really isn't too bad and the majority of attendance is good and things get done.

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

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting the Regular Meeting Schedule of the Administrative Services Committee to the Town Council from January 2017 to December 2017.

A Resolution setting the Regular Meeting Schedule of the Administrative Services Committee to the Town Council from January 2017 to December 2017

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 1-225 requires that the Administrative Services Committee to the Town Council file with the Town Clerk, not later than January thirty-first of each year, its schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, no regular meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days after such schedule has been filed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall be the dates for regular Administrative Services meetings, to be held on the last Monday of each month (with the exception of holidays) at 6:00PM at the Mayor's Office, East Haven Town Hall, 250 Main Street, East Haven, Connecticut, from January, 2017 through December, 2017:

January 30, 2017
 February 27, 2017
 March 27, 2017
 April 24, 2017
 May 22, 2017
 June 26, 2017
 July 24, 2017
 August 28, 2017
 September 25, 2017
 October 23, 2017
 November 27, 2017
 December 18, 2017

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.
 Councilman Ken McKay seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment:

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

Item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and time to discuss an "Ordinance Approving and Authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign a

master lease with the Foxon Recreation League, Inc. for the former R. Vernon Hays School (6 Maple Street, East Haven)." The public hearing shall take place on November 15, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign a master lease with the Foxon Recreation League, Inc. for the former R. Vernon Hays School (6 Maple Street, East Haven)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haven is desirous of entering into a lease with the Foxon Recreation League, Inc. to re-utilize the real property located at 6 Maple Street in East Haven, Connecticut, better known by the following Map, Block, and Lot Number: "430/5332/001."

AND WHEREAS, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 5, 2016, issued a favorable 8-24 referral approving such a lease;

AND WHEREAS, the Town has exercised due diligence to market the property and other vacant school and municipal properties across Town and has determined that leasing the property to the Foxon Recreation League, Inc. constitutes the highest and best use for the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the Town Council hereby approves a master lease with the Foxon Recreation League, Inc. for the former R. Vernon Hays School located at 6 Maple Street in East Haven, said lease not to exceed 10 years;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute said master lease and any other documents contemplated in said lease or that may be necessary to give effect to the same.

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

Submitted by: Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk
 Approved by: Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor
 Received by: Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk

Date: _____
 Date: _____
 Date: _____

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds a motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato explains that all they are doing tonight is setting the date for the Public Hearing, they are taking no action. We have to properly advertise this so people know it will be discussed at the next meeting. To the people that are there tonight from the shape-up group, boy scouts, etc. he suggests they contact Sal Brancati or Frank Gentilesco to express their wishes and what they would like to see. Basically they will be shifting the activities from the Reggie Hatch Center to Hayes School. He is not familiar with how much space is available or how many rooms everyone needs but it would be best to get all requests in ahead of that meeting so that things can be resolved before the meeting comes and they can ensure everyone is happy when it comes time for their meeting. They are moving to a newer building which is better accessible to handicap people, there will be some repairs made there. The Foxon Rec Commission has done a fantastic job over the years; they are just being moved up the street a little bit. There will be a public hearing for anyone who wishes to speak on it.

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

Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution appointing Christen Quijano to the Old Cemetery Board.

A Resolution Appointing Christen Quijano to the Old Cemetery Board

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Old Cemetery Board;

AND, WHEREAS, pursuant to the East Haven Town Charter, the Town Council is designated as the appointing authority to re-appoint an individual to said position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section I, Item 7 of the Town Council Standing Rules, the Town Council hereby appoints Christen Quijano to the vacancy on the Old Cemetery Board (created by the resignation of Margaret Thomas) for the unexpired term beginning February 1, 2015 and ending January 31, 2018.

Said appointment shall be effective in accordance with the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilman McKay seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato thanks Mrs. Thomas for her service, she resigned due to added duties with her Church, and so she did not feel that she could properly serve. Christen expressed a desire to be on the Board, and she submitted her resume. The Old Cemetery Board is very active in maintain the cemetery which is across from the green.

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

Item #10

Yearly Self Insurance, Risk/Loss, and Legal Claim Review.

NOTE: To be conducted in Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(B) for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and pending litigation.

Councilman Parente makes a motion to enter into executive session and include the Town Attorney and Sal Brancati, Director of Administration & Management.

Councilman McKay seconds the motion.

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

Executive session begins at 7:18PM

Executive session ends at 8:17PM.

Item #11

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilman Richardson makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds a motion.

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

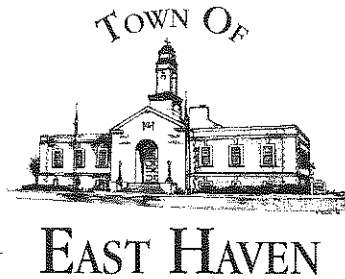
Meeting is adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

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Joseph Maturo, Jr.
Mayor

November 1, 2016

East Haven Legislative Town Council
c/o Chairman Fred Parlato
250 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512

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Re: Bond Rating Upgrade

Dear Chairman Parlato and Honorable Town Council Members:

As many of you may have read in today's edition of the New Haven Register, Standard and Poor's, one of the world's leading credit rating agencies, recently awarded the Town of East Haven an historic two-tier upgrade in its bond rating from "A-" to "A+." This upgrade marks the second credit rating upgrade for our Team and for the Town of East Haven since 2014, when Standard and Poor's raised the Town's rating from "BBB+" to "A-." As S&P noted, the upgrade reflects management's follow-through in balancing our budgets, keeping taxes stable, restoring our rainy day fund, and paying down our long-term debt by \$25.5 million dollars (or 47%) in just five years.

While this office, in conjunction with our Finance Director, has taken the lead in charting a careful fiscal course for our community these past five years, the Legislative Town Council has also played an integral role in the Town's financial recovery. With bipartisan support each budget season, your Council has adopted the vast majority of our recommendations, even when those decisions were not easy. As a team, we've worked hand-in-hand to engineer a remarkable financial recovery for our community while still maintaining an exceptional level of services for our residents.

Although there is cause to celebrate this exciting financial news, I must also caution your Council that our efforts to restore the rainy day fund have only brought it up to the "5% minimum" level recommended by S&P. While our improved bond rating certainly means we will obtain more favorable rates when we elect to borrow money, we must still be cautious about limiting our borrowing and keeping spending under control in order to preserve and continue to improve our credit rating.

Although significant work still remains, I would like to thank this Council for its support of this administration's fiscal policies and for your bipartisan efforts each budget season. I am confident that with sustained teamwork in future budget cycles, we will continue to prosper for years to come.

Very truly yours,

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Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.