

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES-AMENDED
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016

Stacy Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held a special meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512 in order to transact the following.

Item #1

Roll Call -11 present - 4 absent (Hennessey, Spaduzzi, Butler III and Anania).
A quorum is present.

Chairman Parlato asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of all of the residents of the Town of East Haven and the Police Officers that have since passed away since the last meeting.

Item #2

Approval of minutes from the June 7, 2016 Regular Hearing.
Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.
Councilman William Richardson seconds the motion.
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #3

Correspondence-Chairman Parlato received a document from a member of the Park/Rec Commission which will be distributed in the next packet to all members.

Item #4

Subcommittee Reports-

- Finance- no report.
- Board of Education- Councilman Parente says schools are closed – DC Moore as well as pathways at Hays, they have pretty much removed everything from those schools and refurbished Overbrook School, which looks really great. They still have a lot to do before the end of the year but other than that everything has been quiet.
- Public Safety- Councilman Santino says at the last meeting the subcommittee was going to investigate the ID system and vehicles that need to be marked. He gave everyone a copy of the vehicles to be marked and the people that would get

IDS. They should get a letter sent to these Departments from the clerk from the Council requesting the vehicles be marked with the Town's identification and they can go to the Police Department for the IDs.

Vehicles to be marked

Public Services:

- 95 EHA- White van
- 132 EHA- Town Engineer

Fire Department:

- 2 EHA
- 104 EHA

Identifications to be made

- Public Services
 - Foreman
 - Superintendent
 - Town Engineer
- Zoning Officer & Assistant Zoning Officer
- Building Official
- Town Assessor
- Custodian- Town Hall
- Community Services/Social Services Director
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino adds that there is an issue on Cosey Beach Avenue with the sidewalks that were supposed to be cut out for wheelchair accessibility.
- Councilman Santino says it is in the process.
- Councilman Parente says they are pouring the sand tomorrow.
- Parks/Rec- Councilwoman Susan Archambault says they brought up problems down at the beach where the Town does everything they are supposed to do in the morning and then afterwards it is a mess. They complained that people are parking there without the East Haven sticker and nothing is being done. People are parking along the streets where it says no parking and nothing is being done with that. Memorial Field- the balls are breaking windshields and damaging cars; they said the Town needs to put up poles and netting. As far as public works they were saying it starts off spotless but they are getting people from lighthouse because they have to pay \$20 to park there. Police are going by and not giving out tickets so Joan is trying to get a meeting with someone from the Police Department, Public Works, Sal or the Mayor and see if they can do something to

help them. One woman said to take the pails out so they won't leave trash and they are leaving dirty diapers and burying them in the sand.

- Chairman Parlato says it was addressed with the Mayor yesterday; he went into quite a dissertation on the whole facility. It is an open facility, the morning it is spotless and then by noon it is a mess. Because they don't have people of authority there, he is trying to get the lifeguards more active in terms of safety features; there are some complaints about people wanting to bring inflatables on the beach and there is a sign there that says they have to be U.S. Coast Guard approved. As far as the parking, that is a Police issue. They cannot stop anyone from going there but they can if it is a safety feature such as people wanting to light fires and alcohol which is prohibited. For 10-11 weeks of the year it has to be dealt with, he thinks it has improved since it started but it probably can use a little tweaking. The Mayor and his staff are aware, one of the Commission members explained what went on to the Mayor at a meeting last night and the Mayor was quite aggressive in addressing it so hopefully there will be some improvement.
- Councilman Gary Depalma says he has a neighbor that walks along Bradford Avenue and she takes a garbage bag with her because the area of Bradford/Henry/Stevens has all trash. Maybe they can put the green recyclables or trashcans along the Bradford Ave side; people are still going to put garbage because they put it on the side of the road out of their cars. At least it gives the people an option of being neat.
- Councilman Santino says as far as the trash, the barrels in the grove are filled because the people go down and bring their full trash bags from their house. The guys go in the morning and empty them and then the people are going down there with their trash bags and filling them up. Everybody needs to participate and help the issues; there are a lot of issues down there that are trying to be corrected. Everyone needs to help out in being a part of the solution not a part of the problem. During the storms, there were crews cleaning the marsh and no residents came out to help.
- Councilman McKay asks if they ever passed an ordinance to not allow smoking at the beach/splash pad. There are little kids there and people are smoking and blowing smoke in the kid's faces. Can they put a sign up?
- Councilman Santino says they had signs there for two years and then they got ripped out. He says he is down there preaching every day and it falls on deaf ears.
- Councilman Palladino asks if they still have a cop in the Beach house.
- Councilman Santino says no, last week he called and requested that they just put an empty car in the patrol spot; if people see a police car they will think a cop is somewhere down there. But there was no response.

- Councilman Depalma mentions the picnic benches that need to be mounted to the ground.
- Councilman Parente says he will take care of it.
- Councilman William Richardson says he went to Narragansett RI (amended) and they charge \$20 to park in the lot and it costs \$12 to go on the beach. He stopped into a Chamber of Commerce building to ask how they can charge for people to use the beach, he had always been told it is federal law that they can't charge to use a beach and she indicated they have done it for years. So it's not a federal law?
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says it is State. The Town can charge for parking which raises other issues because the administration says if you charge for parking you are now advertising that anyone can come to the beach and there are only 150 or so spots in the lot and they will be filled with people from all over, it won't just be residents. This way guarantees access to residents only at all times, they just have to be vigilant with how they allow people to park on side streets. It is not an actual law about the beach; there is case law for it with lawsuits in the past.
- Councilman Santino says it also has to do with the fact that we accepted federal funds to put sand on the beach, which opens the beach up publicly.
- Attorney Zullo says that is federal law but this is based on State case law.
- Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales speaks about the issues at Memorial Field, she indicates she lives right across from the field and has had two house windows broken, all of her car windows have been broken and she has to get up on Saturday to move hers, her husbands and kids cars to move them down the street because the windows get broken. The part that her house is in front of does not have the high netting; there is a part of memorial field that the Town put up the high netting. She can attest to what they are saying because they have had multiple windows broken, she has gone out on the field and they look at them like they shouldn't have bought a house in front of a field. Every spring she has softballs stuck in the bushes.
- Councilwoman Archambault says in Foxon they have the netting and it still goes over but the gentleman at the meeting said the Town said they had the netting and needed the poles or vice versa and now it is being said that they don't have either to put up there. There is damage at Foxon Rec field but it goes under your own insurance, over here because there are different leagues she thought there was insurance because of the different leagues coming in. This was brought up at the meeting regarding who plays there.
- Councilman Mckay asks if Lou pane was at the meeting and aware of this.
- Councilwoman Archambault says he was not, he is away.

- Chairman Parlato says he will ask Mr. Brancati to look into this and report at the next meeting in terms of who is responsible and if they are going to do anything in terms of the poles and netting. He will get a report so they can start something and make sure someone is aware and they can gather more information on it and research what needs to be done whether a professional be the one to tell them how tall the poles need to be or what the best way to do it is.
- Councilman McKay asks if the leagues that rent the field have insurance.
- Chairman Parlato says yes he believes so. If we have the ability to eliminate the problem we can do it and stop it.

Item #5

To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing a Transfer of \$50,000.00 for Public Services as follows:

Public Services

To:

01-224-0570	Bldg. & Grounds Maintenance	\$13,000.00
01-224-0662	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$12,000.00
01-229-0570	Bldg. & Grounds Maintenance	\$13,000.00
01-228--694	Other Contr. Svcs.	\$12,000.00
TOTAL		\$50,000.00

From:

01-224-0530	Gas & Diesel	\$25,000.00
01-229-0203	Natural Gas	\$25,000.00
TOTAL		\$50,000.00

Reason: Funds needed to close out FY 2015-2016.

Councilman Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson seconds the motion.

- Mr. Rizza explains that this is an end of year budget transfer because Public Services was faced with some unscheduled repairs and maintenance for the buildings both inside and out, especially mechanical issues which drove the prices up. They had two accounts with excess money because gas and diesel prices were good this year. For natural gas they got a low bid so they saved money there. The weather also helped with a warmer winter they had less usage.

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

Item #6

To consider and act upon an "Ordinance Authorizing the East Haven Public Schools to extend an existing Lease Agreement with Apple, Inc. and Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC to fund technology projects for FY 2016-2017."

An Ordinance Authorizing the East Haven Public Schools to extend an existing Lease Agreement with Apple, Inc. and Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC to fund technology projects for FY 2016-2017 and waiving any bidding requirements associated therewith.

WHEREAS, the East Haven Board of Education and the Town of East Haven are parties to an existing Lease Agreement with Apple, Inc. and Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC for computer technology;

AND WHEREAS, the East Haven Board of Education and the Town of East Haven wish to amend the current lease to provide for the leasing of new computer technology for an additional year through FY 2018-2019 for the Board of Education at a cost of \$262,000.00, net of applicable taxes;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Section 4(C) of the East Haven Town Charter contains bidding requirements for certain expenditures;

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

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the Town of East Haven and the Board of Education, acting by their duly authorized agents, are authorized to amend and extend an existing Lease Agreement with Apple, Inc. and Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC to fund technology projects for FY 2016-2017 and to obligate the Town and Board of Education for the payment of \$262,000.00 (net of applicable taxes) in furtherance of this extension; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any bidding requirements associated with said transaction are hereby waived.

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 Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Santino seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

Item #7

To consider and act upon a Resolution Appointing Michael Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member

A Resolution Appointing Michael Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate Member);

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 Michael Smith to the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate) for the unexpired term beginning February 1, 2014 and ending January 31, 2017.

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

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales asks for item #7 and #8 if there were any other resumes submitted for the positions.
- Council Clerk explains no other resumes were submitted, these came last month but not in time to be in the packet so they were moved to this month's meeting.

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

Item #8

To consider and act upon a Resolution Appointing Vincent Mauro to the Housing and Urban Renewal Commission.

A Resolution Appointing Vincent Mauro to the Housing and Urban Renewal Commission

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Housing and Urban renewal Commission;

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 Vincent Mauro to the vacancy on the Housing and Urban Renewal Commission for the unexpired term beginning February 1, 2014 and ending January 31, 2017.

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

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richardson seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

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

- Councilman Palladino says he was a little concerned about the cancellation of the last meeting; it seems to be the second time in recent history that they had to cancel a meeting strictly because the Town Attorney was unavailable. He doesn't read anywhere in the Town Charter or standing rules that the Town Attorney has to be at the meetings and he knows being on the Board of Education they meet every other week and there wasn't an attorney always there, in two years he can recall there being an attorney once.
- Chairman Parlato says it was his prerogative to cancel it because both the clerk and Town Counsel were not going to be there and there can always be a Special Meeting scheduled when needed. It was his choice; he has that power as the Chairman of the Council.
- Councilman Palladino asks if it was that he was not comfortable.
- Chairman Parlato says it is because both individuals are important to the meeting and weren't going to be there, he didn't think there was anything so pressing on the Agenda that it needed to be done so they rescheduled for as soon as this facility was available. He could have cancelled the meeting until next month but he felt it was best to have a meeting so it was his choice and he think he made the right one.
- Councilman Palladino says he respectfully disagrees because when two elected members of this Board were out injured because of surgery and injuries they still kept going. Why does the Town Attorney have to be here to have a meeting?

- Councilman Parlato says as long as they have a quorum they can have a meeting and he made that choice and it is his prerogative.

Item #9

Adjournment of Special Meeting.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilwoman Archambault seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danelle Feeley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council