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## East Haven Town Council

### Amended Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call-13 Present     2 Absent (Santino and Glassman)

Staff Present: James Keeley Finance Director, Michelle Benivegna Director of Administration and Management, Jennifer Coppola Assistant Town Attorney, Danelle Feeley Benefits Coordinator, Jonathan Bodwell Town Engineer, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

#### **Item #1**

Approval of Minutes

Item Removed

#### **Item #2**

Correspondence

None

#### **Item #3**

Subcommittee Reports:

- a.     Education, Library and School Building  
School started August 31, 2023. Library is the subject of a community bag recipient.
- b.     Public Health, Safety, and Welfare  
Youth Service will be present at the Fall Festival.  
The Fire Department has a new dog.
- c.     Finance
- d.     Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- e.     Urban Renewal/Housing
- f.     Blight

#### **Item #4**

Councilwoman Lesco read the full resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING UNISSUED BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN REFUNDING ISSUES AS A RESULT OF LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Haven, Connecticut (the “Town”) approved the issuance of refunding bonds in the amount of \$8,500,000 on August 5, 2014 (the “2014 Refunding Issue”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town approved the issuance of refunding bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 on August 2, 2016 (the “2016 Refunding Issue”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town approved the issuance of refunding bonds in the amount of \$4,750,000 on October 2, 2018 (the “2018 Refunding Issue”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town approved the issuance of refunding bonds in the amount of \$9,750,000 on June 9, 2020 (the “2020 Refunding Issue,” together with the 2014 Refunding Issue, the 2016 Refunding Issue and the 2018 Refunding Issue, the “Refunding Issues”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town issued refunding bonds in connection with the Refunding Issues as set forth below but there are amounts that currently remain authorized but unissued in connection with the Refunding Issues, as follows:

<u>Refunding Issue</u>	<u>Authorized Amount</u>	<u>Bonds Issued</u>	<u>Authorized But Unissued Amounts</u>
2014 Refunding Issue	\$8,500,000	\$7,030,000	\$1,470,000
2016 Refunding Issue	\$7,000,000	\$5,230,000	\$1,770,000
2018 Refunding Issue	\$4,750,000	\$4,325,000	\$425,000
2020 Refunding Issue	\$9,750,000	\$4,730,000	<u>\$5,020,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$8,685,000</b>

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the Town’s Charter provisions, the remaining appropriations for the Refunding Issues in the total amount of \$8,685,000 have lapsed and the Town wishes to rescind the remaining bond authorizations for the Refunding Issues in the same amount.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:**

1. The remaining appropriations related to the Refunding Issues in the total amount of \$8,685,000 have lapsed.
2. The remaining authorized but unissued amount related to the Refunding Issues in the amount of \$8,685,000 shall be rescinded.
3. The Director of Finance is hereby directed to make the appropriate entries in the Town’s financial records to rescind the remaining authorized and unissued amounts related to the Refunding Issues.

Chairman Deko recognized Jim Keeley, Finance Director who stated that simply the town requested more than we needed and it sits on our statements. The loans have all lapse, we need to get the \$8M off the books when we go for bonding this year.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if the loans were completed.

Mr. Keeley explained some were never utilized, some have gone 5 years without expenditures.

Councilwoman Lesco moved to approve.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

#### **Item #5**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following; to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Transferring to Account 01-167-0910 in the amount of \$553,844.00 from Contingency 01-885-0689 \$150,000, Street and Traffic Lights 01-885-0255 \$228,844, Retirement Lump Sum 01-167-0972 \$120,000, Unemployment 01-167-0965 \$20,000, and Labor Negotiations Increase 01-167; -0970 \$35,000.”

Vice Chairman Pacelli asked about the \$35k for labor negotiations.

Mr. Keeley stated those funds were for contracts that weren’t settled prior to the budget.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Councilman Kikosicki second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

#### **Item #6**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following: to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled “Stormwater Management and Drainage Easement at 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven, Connecticut for The Bluffs, LLC Development to be located at 31 and 100 Sperry Lane, 161 Foxon Road, East Haven, Connecticut” authorizing the approval of an easement proposed at the property of the Town of East Haven at 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven for The Bluffs, LLC multi-family elderly housing and assisted living facilities development to be located at 31 and 100 Sperry Lane, 161 Foxon Road, East Haven and authorizing Mayor Joseph A. Carfora to execute the Stormwater Management and Drainage Easement with all revisions as recommended by the Town Engineer and Town Attorney. East Haven is hereby approved with the requirement that the conditions shall parallel the conditions of the Stipulated Judgement.

Councilwoman Martin asked if there will be blasting 5 days a week.

Attorney Coppola responded that's not typical only during construction hours. The Fire Marshal placed the blasting ordinance in the stipulation.

Attorney Luzzi stated that we have an outstanding Fire Marshal, Charlie Miller who placed many conditions covered in the stipulation. This is the pre-blast survey.

Councilwoman Martin asked if this has all been stipulated in court and the court has continued jurisdiction. She wants this developed responsibly.

Councilwoman Cesare stated that she is not confident she hopes that the Fire Marshal enforces the stipulation.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that they are authorized to use a seismograph and videos. We control the days.

Councilwoman Martin asked how long it will take on Wheelbarrow Lane.

Attorney Coppola stated that the school system dictates.

Attorney Pellegrino believes it's approximately days.

Councilwoman Lesco asked that the public schools dictate the timeline.

Attorney Coppola "yes." They will accommodate as much as possible to lay the pipe.

Councilwoman Martin asked if we could amend the motion to include the stipulations of the court.

Councilman Kikosicki moved to approve with amendment.

Councilman Bimonte second the motion.

Roll call vote-9 in favor. 3 opposed. One abstention.

Motion carried.

Approved with Amendment

#### **Item #7**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following: to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Adopt an Economic Development Incentive Policies Program."

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to table.

Councilwoman Parlato second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Tabled

#### **Item #8**

Councilwoman Lesco read the following: to consider and act upon a resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with eRecording Partners Network, LLC for the purpose of adding a third option for electronic recording for land records and related on line services in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chairman Deko recognized Town Clerk Lisa Balter stated she would like to add this to the present service the clerk's office offers now it allows for land records to be recorded online. This will save

time at no cost to the town. This is one of the top three recording services used by 48 states and it eliminating waiting time.

Attorney Luzzi highly recommends the service and we can terminate at any time.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to approve.

Vice Chairman Pacelli second the motion.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Chairman Deko second.

Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A DeLuca

Town Council Clerk