

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

Stacy Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 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 7:00PM.

Item #1

Roll Call for Hearing Committee-12 present-2 absent (Badamo and Anania).
A quorum is present.

Item #2

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding "An Ordinance Amending Section 11-29 of the East Haven Code regarding Marking of Fire Zones."

An Ordinance Amending Section 11-29 of the East Haven Code regarding Marking of Fire Zones

WHEREAS, Section 11-29 of the East Haven Code presently addresses the topic of the marking of fire zones;

AND WHEREAS, the Town wishes to update and amend Section 11-29;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Section 11-29 of the East Haven Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following shall be deemed to replace the same:

Sec. 11-29. "Marking of zones: costs to be borne by owner.

Upon establishment of a fire zone, the property owner shall cause to be erected or installed, adequate signs, markings and other devices to delineate said fire zone per the specifications of the Police Department and Fire Department. Signs, markings, and other devices required to be erected or installed on privately owned premises shall be at the cost of the owner. No building permits, zoning permits, or certificates or occupancy shall issue with respect to any property until fire zones have been delineated and necessary signs have been installed or erected to the satisfaction of the Police Department and Fire Department."

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: _____

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Chairman Ken McKay indicates marking of the fire zones will be the responsibility of the property owners.
- Councilman Henry Butler III says we used to pay them to mark them, right?
- Chairman Ken McKay says yes we did. Now it will be the responsibility of the owner of the building.
- Councilman Joseph Santino asks if there is an Ordinance saying they have to do it, what is the recourse to make them do it?
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says if they don't do it they don't get a C.O or building permit.
- Councilman Joseph Santino says he is concerned about existing business owners too, if the paint lines wear out and they don't repaint what is our recourse?
- Attorney Zullo says they can revoke a C.O. Right now their only leverage is to do it and levy a lien on the property so we are constantly chasing our money. Now, the leverage would be that they no longer operate the business or run the structure, which is a far more powerful piece of leverage.
- Councilman Robert Parente asks if there is conformity to the Town's regulations?
- Attorney Zullo says it's the same as zoning regulations, they have to be delineated to the specifications of the Fire Department and Police Department.
- Councilman Louis Pacelli asks if there is a time frame for a violation if it's not done.
- Attorney Zullo says if they want to actually open their doors and conduct business, they have to do it. Unless then and until they do it, they won't operate. They can take as long as they want but they would be hurting themselves.

Item #3

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion.

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

Item #4

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

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

Item #5

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danelle Feeley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council