

Stacy Gravano, CTC  
TOWN CLERK

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

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, November 13, 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 7:01PM.

**Item #1**

Roll Call for Hearing Committee- 12 present- 3 absent (Santino, Badamo and Butler III).  
A quorum is present.

**Item #2**

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding an "Ordinance Conveying 3,787.3 square feet bordering Granniss Street (AKA Grannis Street) to JJ Russo & Son Construction, LLC."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE  
East Haven Town Council**

**An Ordinance Conveying 3,787.3 square feet bordering Granniss Street (AKA Grannis Street) to JJ Russo & Son Construction, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Haven is desirous of selling 3,787.3 square feet of real property bordering Granniss Street (AKA Grannis Street);

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 5, 2018, issued a favorable 8-24 referral in connection with the proposed the sale of the property;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town Council has approved, or will approve concurrently herewith, the waiver of the competitive bidding process in connection with the contemplated sale;

**AND WHEREAS**, the conveyance of the property is subject to the approval of the Town Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the conveyance of 3,787.3 square feet bordering Granniss Street (AKA Grannis Street) to JJ Russo & Son Construction, LLC is hereby approved for a sales price of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents 00/100);

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to enter into any agreements and to execute any and all related deeds and documents in order to effectuate the contemplated conveyance.

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

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

**Public comment:**

- Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive, East Haven, CT- Ms. Richo asks for someone to explain the 3,700 sq. ft. is it a road, part of the road, side of the road?
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo explains that the 3,700 sq. ft. are the remnants of a road. Back when Grannis Road was reconfigured, the road was shifted and the road as it sits now didn't use to sit there; it was shifted towards the other side not the lake side but the side that is now lot 1. So the developer has a lot with a steep ledge in the back and they have determined it is safer and better for all parties to be able to build the house more towards the front of the lot. Since the Town has no use for the excess acreage and nobody else would want to buy it, the Town decided to work with the developer.
- Ms. Richo asks which lot this is attached to, the 5.23-acre lot or the one across the way.
- Attorney Zullo says it is the one closer to north high street, the smaller of the two.
- Ms. Richo says so this will give them building capability on a lot that would otherwise not be buildable.
- Attorney Zullo says no, it is currently buildable it makes the lot more desirable, it can be built on with the mountain as it sits now but they will have an extra 10-15 ft. of yard if the house is allowed to be moved forward. He notes for the record that he did personally look at this lot for sale and does represent the developer. They will submit a conflict waiver or someone else will represent the Town if needed.

**Item #3**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

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

**Item #4**

To conduct Public Hearing #2 regarding an "Ordinance Conveying 1.102 Acres +/- Comprising a Portion of 280 Proto Drive to KM Realty, LLC."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE  
East Haven Town Council**

**An Ordinance Conveying 1.102 Acres +/- Comprising a Portion of  
280 Proto Drive to KM Realty, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of East Haven is desirous of selling 1.102 Acres +/- , comprising a Portion of 280 Proto Drive in East Haven, Connecticut;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 5, 2018, issued a favorable 8-24 referral in connection with the proposed the sale of the property;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town Council has approved, or will approve concurrently herewith, the waiver of the competitive bidding process in connection with the contemplated sale;

**AND WHEREAS**, the conveyance of the property is subject to the approval of the Town Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that the conveyance of 1.102 Acres +/- , comprising a Portion of 280 Proto Drive to KM Realty, LLC is hereby approved for a sales price of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents 00/100);

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., or his designee, is authorized to enter into any agreements and to execute any and all related deeds and documents in order to effectuate the contemplated conveyance.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public comment:**

- Donna Richo-67 Charnes Drive, East Haven, CT- Ms. Richo asks if this is in the industrial park and if it is part of a road? Is it what came up last year?
- Sal Brancati, Director of Administration & Management- Mr. Brancati explains that this property is not exactly part of Proto Drive. It's a piece of property between Proto Drive and Diamond Marine, Diamond Marine needed a portion of this property for expansion of their business. So they are considering selling them 1 acre of property that is between Diamond Marine and 620 Coe Ave, which is the property the Town just sold to Town Fair Tire. It is predominantly wet; a small portion is not wet and can be used. The Town also retained a 40ft. strip along Proto Drive. He says \$30,000 is consistent with what they have sold property for in the Industrial Park. This property would now go on the grand list and since the Town wasn't using it and would never use it they can put it to use for a business in Town and help them expand for \$30,000 and then it will go back on the tax rolls. The Town found it to be a wise and prudent move.
- Ms. Richo makes a comment about when these items are put on the Agenda, can a little more information be put on there for people such as the sales price, what is being done, etc. The average person doesn't know what this is so more of a description would help.

**Item #5**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #2.

Councilman Louis Pacelli makes a motion.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

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

**Item #6**

To conduct Public Hearing #3 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$234,594.00 for the Police Department."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE  
East Haven Town Council**

**An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$234,594.00 for the Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on September 19, 2018, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

**Police Department**

**To:**

01-332-0110	Salaries	\$146,421.00
01-332-0130	Temp. Wages	\$265.00
01-332-0190	Overtime	\$87,908.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$234,594.00</b>

**From:**

01-332-0132	Shift Differential	\$1,771.00
01-332-0350	Professional Dev.	\$1,465.00
01-332-0430	Oper. Equipment	\$2,084.00
01-332-0520	Office Supplies	\$878.00
01-332-0561	Vehicle Parts	\$7,244.00
01-332-0568	Food Supplies	\$1,209.00
01-332-0570	Maintenance Supplies	\$3,321.00
01-332-0575	Uniforms	\$19,455.00
01-332-0578	Medical Supplies	\$2,029.00
01-332-0592	Traffic Signs	\$4,531.00
01-332-0594	Safety Supplies	\$4,160.00
01-332-0615	Printing	\$2,510.00
01-332-0662	Vehicle Repair	\$7,964.00
01-332-0676	Waste Collection	\$1,003.00
01-332-0827	SCJAC	\$1,984.00
01-101-0610	Town Council	\$10,887.00
01-106-0110	Tax Wages	\$12,198.00
01-106-0668	Legal and Lawyer Fees	\$4,717.00
01-106-0687	Collection Fees	\$1,500.00
01-106-0695	Other Contractual	\$4,615.00
01-109-0110	Town Clerk Salaries	\$36,926.00
01-109-0111	Wages Adjustments	\$5,000.00
01-109-0350	Professional Dev.	\$1,250.00
01-109-0610	Advertising	\$2,463.00
01-109-0644	Equipment Rental	\$1,432.00
01-109-0657	Data Processing	\$9,518.00
01-110-0115	P/T Wages	\$19,795.00

01-110-0270	Telephone	\$2,000.00
01-110-0643	Postage	\$3,000.00
01-110-0658	Equipment Maint.	\$3,300.00
01-110-0675	School Custodian	\$3,758.00
01-110-0694	Other Contractual	\$1,270.00
01-885-0689	Contingency	\$49,357.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$234,594.00</b>

**Reason:** To close out FY 2017-2018.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

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

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

**Public comment:**

- Donna Richo-67 Charnes Drive, East Haven, CT- Ms. Richo says of the \$234,000 only about \$70,000 is actually coming out of the Police Department account. The rest of it is coming from the accounts that the rest of the Town has money in so her question is if we are taking these monies from accounts where they are not needed, when we go to budget this year can we reduce those accounts by the amounts being transferred out.
- Attorney Zullo says historically when Departments went to reduce line items based on savings in the past, the Finance Dept. would give a five-year history of the line items because you will see savings in one year and over expenditures in other years. For example he had \$4,900 left over in his legal services budget last year and there have been years he has had more left over or needed transfers into it.
- Ms. Richo says she understands that but she doesn't think the budgeting is done correctly; it clearly leaves money on the table in some spots and not enough in others. She mentions the next item, which is the dispatch center for \$88,000 that was supposed to save us money. She asks why they have so many uniforms to buy this year.
- Attorney Zullo explains that the Chief is running late, he will be here to answer any questions that they can't get answered right now.
- Chairman Ken Mckay mentions that overtime is an unpredictable number and also people get injured on the job and there were a lot of injuries this year.
- Attorney Zullo says there were 4 officers involved in an explosion, there were a number of injuries, and there were new hires.
- Ms. Richo says this is 2017-2018, it's November and we are just closing out July, we can't keep operating like that.

Council comment:

- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says he has been here for 5 years, he knows the Council does this every year but he doesn't understand how we take money from the school system, from school custodians to close up the police department. He thought once we gave them the money, we couldn't take any of it.
- Ms. Richo says this is Town money, look at the account number it is a Town account.
- Chairman Mckay says he also believes this account is a Town account; he will check it tomorrow.
- Attorney Zullo looks it up and explains that the account is out of the registrar's account for school custodians on Election Day. The Town pays the custodians on Election Day to open and close the schools and clean so it's a registrar's line item.

**Item #7**

Adjournment of Public Hearing #3.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion.

Councilman Big Steve Tracey seconds the motion.

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

**Item #8**

To conduct Public Hearing #4 regarding an "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$88,340.00 for the Public Safety Dispatch Center."

## **AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council**

### **An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$88,340.00 for the Public Safety Dispatch Center**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on September 19, 2018, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

#### **Public Safety Dispatch Center**

**To:**

01-336-0115	Part-time wages	\$15,112.00
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01-336-0190	Overtime	\$73,228.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$88,340.00</b>

**From:**

01-336-0110	Regular Salaries	\$39,986.00
01-336-0160	Holiday Pay	\$5,963.00
01-336-0350	Professional Dev.	\$1,266.00
01-336-0615	Printing	\$2,968.00
01-336-0694	Other Contract. Svcs.	\$3,789.00
01-885-0689	Contingency	\$34,368.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$88,340.00</b>

**Reason:** To close out FY 2017-2018.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

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

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

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Richard Anania asks if these are all interdepartmental transfers?
- Chairman Ken McKay says yes with the exception of contingency.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino says isn't this like the third transfer they have had to make for the dispatch center. He knows there is nothing that they can do about it at this point; unfortunately the two Chiefs at the time lied to them. It was supposed to save money and has become very expensive. He says he can't blame the current police and fire chiefs because they weren't here. Someone coming to the Council and asking for something and lying about it offends him. They told the Council they would save \$100,000 per year and now they are spending over \$1 million.

## Item #9

Adjournment of Public Hearing #4.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion.

Councilman Joseph Deko seconds the motion.



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

**Item #10**

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearings #1, #2, #3, and #4.

Councilwoman Loria Jaffe makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

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

**Item #11**

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

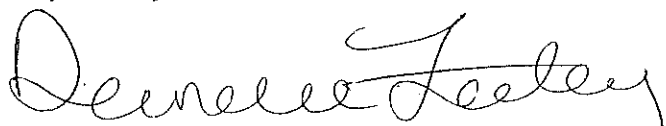
Councilman Joseph Deko makes a motion.

Councilman Louis Pacelli seconds the motion.

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

Meeting is adjourned at 7:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

