

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016**

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, August 2, 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 and asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #1**

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

**Item #2**

Approval of minutes from the July 19, 2016 Special Meeting

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

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

**Item #3**

Approval of minutes from the July 19, 2016 Public Hearing

Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales makes a motion.

Councilman Anania seconds the motion.

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

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**Item #4**

## Correspondence-

- A letter from the Mayor's Office inviting all Council members to participate in the Senior Day event on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00PM on the Town Green.
- Chairman Parlato says he received a letter signed by Ed Sabatino of 7 Deerfield Street which is a personal matter, he is signing it as a private citizen and the Council will take no action on it. If Mr. Sabatino wishes to do something as a private citizen he has that recourse.

**Item #5**

## Subcommittee Reports-

- Parks/Rec- Chairman Parlato says at the last meeting he said he would talk to Lou Pane in regards to Memorial Field and the problems with the balls going over the fence. He asked him to take a look at it and make recommendations through the Parks/Rec Commission as to how they can remediate it and what it would cost. Lou was going to send him a letter but he must not have all the information yet, as soon as he gets it he will share it with the Council.
- Board of Education- Councilman Robert Parente says they got DC Moore and Hays School back and the roof is being worked on at the Reggie Hatch Center and should be done in the next week or so. The administration has not decided exactly what to do with those two schools. They are in discussion about what will take place. Vinny Consiglio and his crew have been painting, boxing things up, moving things over, etc. following the close of the two schools.
- Public Safety- in regards to the IDs, Chairman Parlato says he is making arrangements for everyone on the list, he is going to find out what availability they have at the Police Department and then hopefully in the next week or so they will have them. Councilman Santino says the Police Department is there tonight to get approval on a grant they are going for and the Council should help them out with that. Councilman Parente adds that the Public Works Department completed the handicap ramp at the beach so people can get from sandpiper across the street.
- Finance-No report.
- Housing-No report.

**Item #6**

To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the Town to issue refunding bonds in the maximum amount of \$7,000,000 to refund certain of the town's outstanding bonds and authorizing the appropriation of the proceeds of such refunding bonds.

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**A Resolution authorizing the Town to issue refunding bonds in the maximum amount of \$7,000,000 to refund certain of the town's outstanding bonds and authorizing the appropriation of the proceeds of such refunding bonds**

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 TO REFUND CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S OUTSTANDING BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven (the "Town") hereby approves the following Resolution:

(i) that the Town is hereby authorized to issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) (the "Refunding Bonds"), to fund the appropriation authorized by section (ii) of this resolution. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town; and

(ii) that the Town appropriate the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds to fund the redemption and the payment, in whole or in part, as determined by the Mayor and the Director of Finance of the Town, of the outstanding principal, accrued interest and any call premium on all or any portion of any issue of the Town's General Obligation Bonds including, but not limited to, the Town's General Obligation Bonds issued in 2007, 2009 and 2010 (the "Prior Bonds"), together with the costs of issuance including but not limited to, any applicable consultants' fees, legal fees, trustee's and escrow agent fees, investment fees, verification fees, credit enhancement fees, underwriters' fees, bond insurance premiums, net temporary interest and other financing or transactional costs, and other expenses related to the payment or redemption of such bonds for the purposes of refunding them; and

(iii) that the Mayor and the Treasurer shall sign the Refunding Bonds by either manual or facsimile signatures and that the law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the Refunding Bonds; and

(iv) that the Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to determine which of the Prior Bonds are to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates and interest mode maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the Refunding Bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Refunding Bonds and escrow agent with respect to the refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the Refunding Bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the Refunding Bonds; to sell the Refunding Bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the Refunding Bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the Refunding Bonds; and

(v) that the Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to call irrevocably for redemption such of the maturities of the Prior Bonds, as they shall determine to refund from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and other moneys as they may determine to make available for this purpose and to defease such Prior Bonds by executing and delivering an escrow agreement in such form and upon such terms as they shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof; and

(vi) that the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; and

(vii) that the Mayor and the Director of Finance, or either of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the Refunding Bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as he deems advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such Refunding Bonds; and

(viii) that the Mayor, the Treasurer and the Director of Finance, or any one of them, are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and to issue Refunding Bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents, bond insurers, and others to facilitate the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon and the payment of the Prior Bonds in whole or in part; and

(ix) that the Mayor and the Director of Finance, or either of them, are hereby authorized if they determine it is in the Town's best interest, to acquire, on behalf of the Town, bond insurance or other forms of credit enhancement guaranteeing the Refunding Bonds on such terms as the Mayor or the Director of Finance, as the case may be, determines to be appropriate, such terms to include, but not be limited to, those

relating to fees, premiums and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such credit enhancement, the terms of payment of such expenses and costs and such other undertakings as the issuer of the credit enhancement shall require; and the Mayor or the Director of Finance, as the case may be, are authorized, on the Town's behalf, to grant security to the issuer of the credit enhancement to secure the Town's obligations arising under the credit enhancement, including the establishment of a reserve from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds; and

(x) that the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, interest rate swap agreements, and any other appropriate agreements the Mayor and the Director of Finance deem necessary, appropriate or desirable and the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to secure the payment of such agreements with the full faith and credit of the Town, if they deem it necessary, appropriate or desirable.

Councilman Parente makes a motion to shorten the reading of the resolution and include items #1 and #2 in the reading.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales makes a motion on the resolution.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino seconds the motion.

Public comment:

- Finance Director Paul Rizza addresses the Council and explains that this seems to be almost an annual event; they are looking to reissue/refinance bonds for the years 2007, 2009 and 2010. Right now they are in interest rates that the Mayor, himself and their underwriter/ financial advisor feel are higher than they should be. If approved, they would be going out and reselling or refunding the bond which is very similar to people who have a high mortgage rate and refinance for a lower rate. They would be refinancing up to \$7,000,000 worth of outstanding bonds. They have done it the past two years and have been successful twice. They are looking to save anywhere between \$200,000 and \$450,000 in this reissue. They will contact several individuals and firms and will know around late September/October whether they are successful or not; if it is not in their favor and they will not save then they will not refinance.

Council comment:

- Councilman Parente asks about the mention of 2007 bonds, why is there a bond from 2007 that is still open, was there something that wasn't complete.

- Mr. Rizza says no, that is when they were initially issued and they mature in 2027, there is still a lengthy period where they have outstanding obligations and they are trying to reduce the interest on it.
- Councilman Parente says so that doesn't mean there was any money from the bonds that wasn't appropriated or spent.
- Mr. Rizza says no.

Public Comment:

- Tina Hedley, resident of district 4 begins reading a letter to the Chairman and is ruled out of order by the Chairman.
- Chairman Parlato says the only public comment open right now is for the subject before them with the finances. He explains that in order to talk about anything else it would have to be put on the agenda; the agenda is made up usually the Monday before the next scheduled meeting. He says she can contact a member of the Council in her district with the request in writing and they will give it to the committee who meets and if they deem it has validity they will discuss it and put it on the agenda. If they think it is a personal attack or legal matter that the Council has no jurisdiction over they will not put it on the Agenda. They are the Legislative body and have no jurisdiction or powers to take action against anyone. He explains that this is the process to go through.

Council comment:

- Chairman Parlato asks if there is any indication that their credit rating will get boosted.
- Mr. Rizza says he is always hopeful on getting an upgrade, they did get one in 2011, and they are starting to put the information together for their presentation to the agency. The State has been downgraded two or three times in the last four months and with a lot of the Town's money coming from the State they have seen some reductions. The current year that was opened up about a month ago funds have been reduced and the Town is working hard to offset the reductions but without knowing how much they need to offset it becomes a problem. Over the last two years the State has reduced the Town by approximately \$400,000 and they don't know if it is going to be larger this year. They have to make it up by either increasing revenue which is difficult because the Town is collecting over 98% of taxes and delinquent tax collection has been excellent over the last few years. Other areas that generate funding such as permits are based on the economy of the State and Town. On the revenue side it becomes difficult for those reasons and it can be almost as difficult on the expense side because they just began the budget, they can't begin a freeze, they have to operate. The rating agencies are becoming much more stringent with all Connecticut municipalities

but we are heading to the 5% level for the fund balance, trying to keep taxes stable and also trying to provide all of the services normally provided to the taxpayers and citizens.

- Chairman Parlato says they have had a relatively conservative administration for a while, he doesn't see us losing anything but it would be nice to gain a little.

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

## **Item #7**

To consider and act upon a Resolution introducing and setting a public hearing date and time to discuss "An Ordinance making appropriations for various public improvements aggregating \$2,450,000 for the 2016-2017 Capital Budget and authorizing the issuance of \$2,450,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose." The public hearing shall take place on September 6, 2016, at 7:00PM, at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Anania seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Mr. Rizza says these are short term notes that will end up as bonds.
- Chairman Parlato asks where they stand with outstanding bonds.
- Mr. Rizza says they have a little less than \$30,000,000.
- Councilman Parlato says then they are in pretty good shape with a \$90,000,000 budget only having \$30,000,000 in bonds.
- Mr. Rizza says they are very conservative and 85%-90% of the outstanding debt will be paid off in less than 10 years.

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

Councilman Santino makes a motion to add to the Agenda "A Resolution Endorsing the South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit's Inter-town Capital Equipment Incentive (ICE) Program Proposal for the Purchase of a Scene Laser Scanner."

Councilman Parente seconds the motion.

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

**Item #7A**

**A Resolution Endorsing the South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit's  
Inter-town Capital Equipment Incentive (ICE) Program Proposal for the Purchase  
of a Scene Laser Scanner**

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of East Haven, Branford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven are parties to the South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit Mutual Assistance Compact;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to said compact, each member municipality agrees to budget yearly in order to maintain and purchase equipment which may be utilized by compact participants;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town of East Haven, as the lead municipality and through its Police Department, has submitted an Inter-town Capital Equipment Incentive (ICE) Program Proposal under C.G.S. §4-66m for the purchase and acquisition of a Scene Laser Scanner for use by compact participants;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of East Haven hereby endorses said proposal as described in the Pre-Approval package dated November 25, 2015 and as may be amended throughout the proposal process;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., Chief Edward R. Lennon, or their designees are authorized to execute a Notice of Grant Award and any and all necessary agreements and documents related to the aforementioned proposal and to enter into any agreements, including those with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management, according to the terms of the ICE grant program.

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

**Certification (For Town Clerk Use Only)**

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted at a result meeting of the East Haven Legislative Town Council on

\_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Attested to by:

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 Stacy Gravino,  
 Town Clerk - Town of East Haven  
 (place seal here)



- Deputy Police Chief James Naccarato and Lieutenant Pat Tracy of the East Haven Police Department address the Council. Lt. Tracy explains that the grant is being applied for by the South Central Connecticut Traffic Unit by 5 municipalities. This device is used for scene documentation; it can be used by the traffic unit or to document serious injuries/motor vehicle crashes. It can be used by Detectives in order for them to be able to document major crime scenes and it can also be used by the regional SWAT team for emergency preparedness. For example, they can scan a school such as East Haven High School to prepare for any major issues; it creates a virtual walkthrough of whatever you scan and it is in color. This is phenomenal technology that would put them on the forefront of documenting scenes.
- Deputy Chief Naccarato adds that it is the same device that the State Police major crimes unit uses and they have had to call them in before during their more serious cases. This device makes them able to document their own crime scenes, with the State cuts they want to come out less and less so it is hard to get help. With this device it would help our Town as well as the other Departments/Towns.
- Lt. Tracy says that the total cost of the project is \$90,000 and the cost to East Haven will be about \$10,000 which has already been allocated for. So \$45,000 of the total cost is covered by the grant and the remaining balance will be covered by the other agencies that are part of the compact. Also, the unit is GSA pricing so they don't have to worry about going out to bid on it. They have already gone through the pre-approval process which is done pending a few documents, one of which is before the Council today. If approved, they can submit their final documents to the Office & Policy Management after all of the Towns get their approvals as well.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Vice Chairman Robert Sand asks about the experience necessary to operate the equipment, is it specific people within that Department that can only operate it.
- Lt. Tracy says included in this cost, they built in training. The agency will come on site and provide training for a number of people within the South Central Traffic Unit. Beyond that, once those officers are trained they can then train other people. There is no actual certification to run the device; they just have to be familiar with how to use it.
- Vice Chairman Sand asks if this room was a crime scene, where would the unit be set.
- Lt. Tracy explains if there was a large scene like this room the unit would capture anything that it can see. If it was on a stand it would capture everything in front of

it and behind it 360 degrees. So they would put it in one place and scan everything it can see in front and behind it, depending on the quality/resolution it generally takes 6-8 minutes per scan and then they would move it and scan the other area that it couldn't see from the first location. For a room, usually they scan it from the 4 corners and depending on the type of crime/scene they would determine the focus of where they will put the unit. Afterwards, the data goes into the computer and scenes together the scans and creates almost a virtual world.

- Vice Chairman Sand says there was mention of saving time in gathering data at a scene. He asks if the device has to be low to the ground to get something lower and then be put up higher to see from another angle. It seems to him that it may take longer; depending on who is calling the shots at the scene and how many shots they want. Does it save time or lengthen the time?
- Lt. Tracy says right now they have something where if they were to document the table they put a pole at the corner to shoot one point and then the other 3 corners and then it just basically places the table in the room in a 3-dimensional way. With this device, they can do that but it goes further and it's in color and it shows everything. Right now, it is nowhere near what this device is capable of doing. It will create documentation that they do not even have at this point and it will definitely save some time.
- Vice Chairman Sand asks who on scene determines what scans should be taken and of what location.
- Lt. Tracy says with the current situation they have now, it just sits in one spot and takes a long period of time because a second officer has to walk around with the pole and sometimes for scenes that are 100ft. long such as car crashes, it takes a significant amount of time to walk down the street and come back to get every pole. With this device, it is set and captures everything it sees and then it can be moved around a car in the case of a crash to capture all sides. The supervisor assigned to the scene is the one that makes the decisions.
- Councilman Palladino says if you watch shows like CSI they show this type of device and it is phenomenal and things like this mean a lot in court cases and are very important. He asks what the chances are of getting this grant, does it look pretty good.
- Lt. Tracy says they already have the pre-approval so they need approval tonight and the other four municipalities need the same approval and then they submit the documents to be signed off on.
- Councilman Parente asked where it is going to be housed and what the percentage of ownership is.
- Deputy Chief Naccarato says it will be housed in their truck in the back of the Police Department.

- Councilman Parente asks if another Town needs it for an investigation, does our Town get involved in the investigation.
- Deputy Chief Naccarato says it depends on the investigation, if is a traffic accident, the unit would go out which consists of people from all of the Towns. If it is a crime scene, it depends on who is available so it could vary. It would only be users that were trained on it.
- Chairman Parlato says in the document that was presented to the Council, the Town of Guilford opted out of it, he asks if there was any indication that they weren't interested in it or what happened.
- Lt. Tracy says they were going to take part and they had some union issues from what he understands and then they had a transition to a new Chief.
- Chairman Parlato says so it was an internal issue. He asks about the information that the device captures, who has access to it; do lawyers get the information.
- Deputy Chief Naccarato says in any case it would be part of the package of reports.
- Councilman Parente asks how many Towns have it now.
- Lt. Tracy says he doesn't know of any other Towns, just like the body cams they would be on the forefront of things; this wouldn't be possible if they didn't team up with other municipalities.
- Councilman Parente asks if another Town that is not part of this needs it, would it be lent out.
- Deputy Chief Naccarato says they wouldn't loan out the device itself, they could assist them with our people.
- Councilman Santino asks what happens if one of the Towns drop out. And is it possible that one Town gets it and another doesn't?
- Lt. Tracy says there is language in the compact that addresses that but this is only one grant for all of these Towns.
- Councilman Santino commends them for taking the initiative to seek out a grant that is out there.

Councilman Santino makes a motion to approve.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

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

## **Item #8**

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.  
Meeting is adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council