

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 11 a.m. by First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz. Also present were William F. Mitchell and Janet M. McCarty

Mr. Mitchell moved approval of the minutes of the regular Selectmen's Meeting of December 8, 2005.

Mr. Kopetz announced the resignation of Robert K. Ciulla, 107 Mowry Street, as the Town Attorney, effective upon appointment of a successor. He thanked Mr. Ciulla for his twenty-six years of dedicated service to the Town as Town Attorney and as an active participant in community affairs.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter of December 9, 2005, from Gabriel and Patricia Viada, 42 Allendale Drive, in which they expressed their concerns regarding revaluation and next year's budget. Another letter, written on December 20, 2005, with photographs was received from Donald Sause, 6 Woodside Drive. Mr. Sause is continually concerned with a number of businesses on Washington Avenue that do not comply with a Town Ordinance to clear sidewalks after snowstorms. Police patrols are monitoring this.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence dated January 9, 2006, from Robert Wechsler, 16 Windsor Road. He advocates including limited public comments, as part of the official Board of Selectman agenda. Mr. Kopetz and Mr. Mitchell explained that these are business meetings, as opposed to Town Meetings, and they feel there are ample opportunities to express concerns. Ms. McCarty feels it would be beneficial to hear from the public on agenda matters prior to voting.

Mr. Mitchell moved the following bonds, which are released with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission:

Vasso System/AMBA Realty Corp., 66 Leonardo Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$8,000

JLO Paddock, LLC, 555 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$30,000

Berger Family Limited Partnership, 72 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Partial Release in the amount of \$25,000, leaving a balance of \$5,000

Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz announced the following appointments to the Open Space Advisory Committee, term to expire 12/31/06, as per ordinance adopted 9/24/02:

Conservation Cm.	Hugh H. Davis	1261 Ridge Road
Board of Finance	Gerald A. Feinberg	34 Brockett Farm Road
Inland Wetland Cm.	William Leiserson	15 Cella Terrace
Land Trust	Mark V. Cofrancesco	6 Frost Drive
Parks & Rec. Cm.	Joseph Cappucci	1 Surrey Drive
Planning & Zoning Cm.	Douglas E. Roberts	140 Round Hill Road

Mr. Kopetz moved the reappointment of Stephen J. Fitzgerald, 34 River Road, as the Board of Selectmen appointee to the Open Space Advisory Committee, term to expire 12/31/06. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

The First Selectman explained that upon establishing this group, it was the intent to rotate membership, but several members have remained on the committee to allow for continuity.

Mr. Kopetz moved the appointment of Jeffrey M. Donofrio, 25 Mansfield Road, and the firm of Ciulla & Donofrio, LLP, as Town Attorney, per Town Charter, Section 603. Mr. Kopetz explained that Mr. Donofrio has represented the Town of North Haven for the last fifteen years as Mr. Ciulla's partner. He is extremely knowledgeable about municipal law, and the Town is very satisfied with the quality of the firm's work, which has been recognized and sought after by other communities. In response to questions from Ms. McCarty, Mr. Kopetz remarked that the Town is not required to seek bids for legal services, costs are fair and reasonable, and Mr. Donofrio, a respected and active member of the community, meets the position's residency requirement. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-abstain

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mitchell moved for adjournment at 11:30 a.m. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes