

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 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 January 12, 2006.

Mr. Kopetz introduced a letter dated January 23, 2006, from Anne Murphy, 103 Ridgewood Avenue, regarding C.L.A.P.S. Mrs. Murphy urges Town Officials, to advocate for adequate funding to support the creative learning program, offered at North Haven High School.

Mr. Kopetz raised for discussion a letter received January 30, 2006, from Rita Mahon, 5 Allendale Drive, and letter from the Third Selectwoman dated February 6, 2006, regarding the Town's Tax Relief program for Senior Citizens and the disabled. Mrs. Mahon advocates increasing the qualifying income levels for singles, which is \$30,000, to the same level as married couples, which is \$40,000, and amending the Ordinance in other ways. Mr. Kopetz provided the background information on the establishment of the Ordinance in 2001 and its amendment in 2003.

Ms. McCarty suggested that at least one other Connecticut town provides this benefit without income levels, and while acknowledging that she is unaware of the cost impact to the Town, she desires pursuing a discussion on the matter.* (see correction 4/13/06) Mr. Kopetz explained that opening this discussion raises further questions and other possible amendments. Mr. Mitchell stated that virtually all tax structures he is aware of provide different income levels for singles and married couples, as their costs for prescriptions, food, clothing and others are higher. He added that the Board seeks to serve the best interest of all residents fairly. The Selectmen will continue to research and share their findings.

Mr. Mitchell moved the following property tax refunds:

527-553 Washington Avenue, LLC, 1180 N. Colony Road, Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount of \$310.05, Tax Collector Correction #15629

Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc., PO Box 829, Colleyville, TX 76034, in the amount of \$100.05, Assessor's Correction #33496

John A. and Jeanne C. Arnone, Jr. & Survs., 15 Old Forge Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$84.81, Assessor's Correction #33500, and in the amount of \$86.28, Assessor's Correction #33516, and in the amount of \$91.59, Assessor's Correction #33517

Chase Manhattan Auto Finance Corp., PO Box 901008, Fort Worth, TX 76101-9903, in the amount of \$236.90, Assessor's Correction #33318

Michele S. Elliott, 1298 Hartford Turnpike, #11, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$82.74, Assessor's Correction #33124

Elrac, Inc., 1550 Rte 23 North, Wayne, NJ 07470-7516, in the amount of \$263.15, Assessor's Correction #33324, and in the amount of \$86.35, Assessor's Correction #33325

Ford Motor Credit Company, PO Box 67000, Detroit, MI 48267-2316, in the amount of \$98.31, Assessor's Correction #33211, and in the amount of \$49.16, Assessor's Correction #33323

Richard or Julie R. Gagliardi, 1 Sugar Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$142.19, Assessor's Correction #33644

Lucien A. and Bernadine A. Goulet & Survs., 7 Maiden Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$96.63, Assessor's Correction #33670, and in the amount of \$102.58, Assessor's Correction #33647

Brian E. Heinig, 26 Quince Street, Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount of \$27.78, Assessor's Correction #33004, and in the amount of \$26.17, Assessor's Correction #33003

Honda Lease Trust, 470 Granby Road, Suite 2, South Hadley, MA 01075-3215, in the amount of \$362.60, Assessor's Corrections #33481 and #33485, and in the amount of \$465.85, Assessor's Corrections #33337, #33409 and #33398

James G. or Lynda A. Kalkowski, 34 Highland Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$217.92, Assessor's Correction #33522

Dolores V. Kern, 51 Larson Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$43.91, Assessor's Correction #33442

Mercedes Benz Credit Corp., Daimler-Chrysler Serv.-CIMS 717-02-15, PO Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76260-0685, in the amount of \$283.03, Assessor's Correction #33421

James Montano, 4341 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$630.61, Assessor's Correction #33385

Alex J. Mungiguerra, 216 Quinnipiac Avenue, Unit 315, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$96.51, Assessor's Correction #33604

Oak Brook Estates Condominium Assoc., PO Box 4338, Yalesville, CT 06492, in the amount of \$1,954.34, Tax Collector Correction #15618

John C. and Christine R. Pierpont & Survs., 101 Shawmut Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$91.59, Assessor's Correction #33565

Raymond and Margaret Prunier, 6 Allen Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$364.48, Tax Collector Correction #15220

Lee or Joanne E. Reed, 494 Quinnipiac Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$365.69, Assessor's Correction #33495

Gordon V. Reid, 59 Fallon Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$95.22, Assessor's Correction #33580

Saab Leasing Co., Box 7101, Little Rock, AR 72223, in the amount of \$265.36, Assessor's Correction #33497

Hilda L. Trueheart, 130 State Street, #F-7, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$89.98, Assessor's Correction #33489

Arthur & Jessie M. Tuttle & Survs., 6 Bowling Green Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$86.28, Assessor's Correction #33529, and in the amount of \$91.59, Assessor's Correction #33530

VW Credit Leasing, LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd., Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$656.59, Assessor's Correction #33528, and in the amount of \$447.76, Assessor's Correction #33541, and in the amount of \$570.61, Assessor's Correction #33539, and in the amount of \$602.87, Assessor's Correction #33540, and in the amount of \$32.30, Assessor's Correction #33651

S.C. Wheeler Carreiro, 115 Hartley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$40.70, Assessor's Correction #33667

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

Before adjournment, Ms. McCarty reiterated that she is pursuing the videotaping of Public Comments with the NHTV Board of Directors, hopefully this month. She also questioned the origin of the Town's policy to reimburse condominium owners for refuse collections.

Mr. Kopetz took exception with a recent newspaper column written by the Third Selectwoman, regarding the closing of Stop & Shop warehouse and a relationship to what she believes is the Town's lack of technology. She responded that since she wrote the article she has learned from the Finance Director that the Town is sufficiently equipped with Internet. She did not intend to imply that the Town is responsible for the closing. Mr. Kopetz explained the efforts the Town is pursuing to assist displaced workers. He also stated that his "People First" programs is progressing well, as he has met with fifteen individuals/couples to discuss their concerns. The next sessions are March 4th and March 6th.

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.