

## MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
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AUGUST 23, 2007

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.

At this time, there were no public comments relative to the agenda.

Mr. Mitchell moved approval of the minutes of the regular Selectmen's Meeting of July 19, 2007. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz discussed correspondence written by Jeffrey A. Brooks, 74 Vineyard Road, concerning the need to remove unfunded State mandates, suggestions with regards to personnel hires and the promotion of a Representative Town Meeting system. Ms. McCarty commented that the people of North Haven have expressed to her that they favor the current system.

The First Selectman introduced two letters from Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road. Mr. Kopetz noted that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Tax Assessor would respond in writing, regarding the situation of automobile taxes for an individual taxpayer. As for the multi-use development of Rabina Properties, he explained that the Department of Environmental Protection is comfortable with the environmental remediation plan and that the zone change is not dependent upon the environmental work.

Mr. Kopetz announced that the following individuals expressed interest in serving on an Ethics Review Committee:

Karen Scott	19 Regency Drive
Marne Usher	5 West View Road
Miriam Brody	500 Elm Street, #15-4
Tom McKeon	31 Coach Drive

In addition, the following individuals were recommended by civic groups after receiving a letter discussed and edited by the Board last month:

Sally Hass	125 Scrub Oak Road	(clergy)
Albert Scafati	55 Knollwood Road	(Quinnipiac Chamber)
Williard Nado	7 Jennifer Drive	(Daytime Gardeners)
Russell Dallai	56 Homewood Avenue	(School System)

Mr. Kopetz moved to appoint these volunteers to the committee, with the understanding that if additional individuals express an interest in serving, they can be included in the committee membership at a later time. Ms. McCarty prefers to wait another month and appoint these and future members at the

same time. She stated that she has no issues with the individuals personally, but is opposed to the timing. Voted: Kopetz=yes, Mitchell=yes, McCarty=no

Mr. Kopetz moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That in keeping with the Town's Capital Improvement Program and Budgets, as adopted on June 19, 2007, the following road paving projects are proposed for funding either in whole or in part under the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP):

	Street Name	Location	Total Cost including milling
1.	Central Avenue	all	\$50,239
2.	St. John Street	(Pool Road to Ezra )	\$54,658
3.	South Avenue	(Pool Road to Virginia Road)	\$55,788
4.	Hartford Turnpike	(Upper State to Wallingford)	\$244,973
		contingency	\$19,342
		total	<u>\$425,000</u>

In addition to the road paving, the resolution includes funding for the Montowese Transit Enhancement of \$29,600, with total costs of \$148,000, as an 80% State and 20% Town match. The resolution also includes \$23,000 in additional funds to update Planning & Zoning regulations and for consulting fees, publications, legal ads, etc.

Mr. Kopetz also announced the following road paving projects will be funded with Town Aid Roads:

1.	Ezra Street	all	\$99,053
2.	Toelles Road	(Hartford Turnpike to Town line)	\$32,443
3.	Rimmon Road	(Middletown to Hansen Farm)	\$181,529
		contingency	\$11,975
		total	<u>\$325,000</u>

Public Works Director, Richard Branigan, presented the resolution. Voted: Kopetz=yes, Mitchell=yes, McCarty=yes

Mr. Mitchell moved to sign a Call for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium of North Haven High School. He explained that while the budget for fiscal year 2006/2007 was under expended by \$108,000, the legislative body will consider budgetary transfers. In addition, the re-appointment of Anthony P. Rescigno, as the Town's municipal representative to the Regional Water Authority's Policy Board, will be considered. Voted: Kopetz=yes, Mitchell=yes, McCarty=yes

Ms. McCarty questioned if a capital expenditure for fire equipment could be included. Mr. Kopetz explained that this motion was withdrawn as an action item at the August 21, 2007, Board of Finance meeting. He added that the Department Heads are working together to present a list of capital expenditures, for Town Meeting approval at a later date. In the meantime, there are funds budgeted to purchase protective gear as needed. The Town may receive a Fire Act Grant to fund the purchase as well.

Barbara Feinberg and Pamela Parrella, the Town's Registrars of Voters made a presentation to the Board, concerning their desire for increased wages. They explained that the roles and responsibilities associated with their positions increased in recent years, a result of State and federal mandates, including "the Help America Vote Act". They stated that they are assuming work that was performed by employees of the Data Office and Town Clerk Office in the past. They seek salary increases, from \$12,500 to \$20,000 each, and appear before this Board, in accordance with a State Statute that empowers the Board of Selectmen to establish these salaries.

Ms. McCarty moved to add to the agenda salary increases for the two Registrars of Voters, from \$12,500 to \$20,000 each, in addition to the discussion item. Mr. Mitchell prefers to investigate the information presented to the Board and act upon this business at a later time. Mr. Kopetz stated that he must consider the needs of all employees and that the requirements of these positions may change in the future. He added that he will speak to labor counsel, review the request and compare it with other communities. Voted: Kopetz-no, Mitchell-no, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz moved the following property tax refunds:

Daryanani Bhavani, 94 Village Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$301.92

Chase Manhattan Auto Finance Corp., Box 5210, New Hyde Park, NY, in the amount of \$74.68, and in the amount of \$501.57

Thomas A. Cristofano, 90 Summer Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$5.14

DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262-9616, in the amount of \$297.16

GMAC, 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3579, in the amount of \$227.59, and in the amount of \$210.31

Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865-4648, in the amount of \$61.93, and in the amount of \$80.77, and in the amount of \$186.35, and in the amount of \$184.65, and in the amount of \$179.38

Jodi S. Jonesbruno, 8 Laydon Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$466.60

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

Mr. Kopetz moved a Total Bond Release for Pharmacia & Upjohn, 41 Stiles Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$30,000, with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Mitchell moved the reappointment of Robert J. Fiondella(R), 217 Montowese Avenue, to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 8/31/11. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Ms. McCarty moved the reappointment of Hugh Davis(D), 1261 Ridge Road, to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 8/31/11. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes. The Board reappointed these two individuals with much gratitude, as they are very dedicated and active volunteers.

In Public Comments, Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, Michael Mele, 10 Maple Avenue and Alicia Clapp, 1014 Hartford Turnpike supported wage increases for the Registrars of Voters. Mr. Amato also supported the purchase of fire protective equipment. Mr. Mele feels that the Town should have anticipated the cost savings on insurance. Mr. Kopetz answered that the Board of Finance did utilize \$850,000 in funds from the unappropriated fund balance to lower the mill rate as much as possible. Mrs. Clapp, a member of the Board of Education, expressed concerns regarding the handicapped accessibility of the Town Hall Annex. Other comments were entertained from Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street, #15-4, James Cesario, 207 North Hill Road and Michael Kulick, Jr., 194 Clintonville Road.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mitchell moved for adjournment at 1:55 p.m. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes