

## MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 11:00 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 August 23, 2007. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz read a letter dated September 17, 2007, from the Registrars of Voters, now seeking \$25,000 in compensation, based on new information, and a letter dated September 18, 2007, from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, disputing some points raised in last month's presentation, with regards to her office.

Ms. McCarty moved to add to the agenda a letter dated September 19, 2007, from the Registrars of Voters, written in response to the letter from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes. Mr. Kopetz read the letter.

Mr. Kopetz moved to increase the salaries of the Registrars of Voters from \$12,500 to \$16,027, retroactive to July 1, 2007, and add, as extra pay, \$485 per Registrar, for each election event, including referenda, primaries and general elections. In analyzing this proposal, he reviewed information from the communities of Branford, Cheshire, Guilford and Madison. He averaged their Registrars of Voters' salaries and added the bonus to compensate for additional work, often paid to deputies and other staff. The Board agreed that a new proposal may be studied and submitted as part of the next budgetary cycle. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 17b-125, hereby approves the release of a welfare lien recorded on the Land Records of January 10, 1975 and signed by the Board of Selectmen in December, 1974, concerning property known as 296 Mill Road, North Haven, as such release of the lien is necessary and beneficial to the Town of North Haven, and there is no evidence of any sums remaining due and owing to the Town.

Mr. Kopetz explained that a title search of 296 Mill Road revealed a welfare lien dating back thirty two years and that a diligent search of the Town Clerk, Finance and Community Services' offices revealed that there is no money due or owing to the Town. Local attorney, Joseph DePaola, requested the release of lien on behalf of his client. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes.

Mr. Kopetz moved a resolution for an annual Historic Document Preservation Grant:

RESOLVED: that North Haven First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and contract with the State Library for an Historic Document Preservation Grant in the amount of \$7,000. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz moved a resolution for a Homeland Security Grant:

RESOLVED: that North Haven First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, acting by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, is empowered and hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of CT, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

In the past, the Town received \$600 annually, but may receive up to \$1200. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz moved to add the following appointments to the Ethics Review Committee, in addition to those appointed last month:

Jean Hatzopolous, 52 Montowese Avenue  
 Margaret Cloutier, 117 Upper State Street  
 Robert F. Wechsler, 16 Windsor Road  
 Carol A. Bailey, 230 Bayard Avenue  
 Adeline Cavaliere, 24 Tenedine Drive  
 Paul Stetson, 542 Middletown Avenue (Land Trust)  
 Gary R. Thompson, 45 Beach Street (Land Trust)  
 Philip DiPeri, 45 Juniper Drive  
 Salvatore Bonito, 511 Elm Street, #7-5  
 Nancy Walker, 111 Hartley Street  
 Charles Warner, 311 Mansfield Road

The First Selectman explained that the first organizational meeting will be held on October 4, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

Ms. McCarty moved a property tax refund for Jodi S. Jonesbruno, 8 Laydon Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$48.99. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes.

With the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Mr. Kopetz moved total bond releases for North Haven Racquet, LLC, 100 Elm Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$2,500; Sackett Point IP Holdings, LLC, 348-360 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$75,000; and Howard Rohloff, 2324 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$25,000. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes

In Public Comment, Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, questioned if the most recent Board of Finance meeting should have been postponed, due to a scheduled vacation of the Acting Finance Director. Mr. Kopetz explained that the Board agreed to hold the meeting to conduct routine business, and then, schedule a special meeting for other business. He further explained, along with Town Attorney, Jeffrey Donofrio that interveners in the matter of the Pratt & Whitney mixed-use development would not delay the process. Robert Wechsler, 16 Windsor Road, asked Mr. Kopetz to recuse himself in the matter of the review of the operations and forensic audit. Public Works Director, Richard Branigan, reported that he is working on providing more handicap accessibility to the Town Hall Annex. Alicia Clapp, 1014 Hartford Turnpike, suggested utilizing employee parking on Elm Street for this purpose. Mr. Branigan also reported that the Town is paving the former Knights of Columbus property, in compliance with zoning regulations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mitchell moved for adjournment at 12:20 p.m. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Mitchell-yes, McCarty-yes