

## **APPROVED**

### MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

@Memorial Library Community Room

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

7 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by First Selectman, Janet M. McCarty. Also present were Stephen A. Fontana, Second Selectman, and Michael Freda, Third Selectman.

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

Mr. Fontana moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of January 24, 2008. Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda - yes

Ms. McCarty announced the resignation of Lisa Barletta, (D), 133 Shawmut Avenue, as Democratic Registrar of Voters

Ms. McCarty announced the appointment of Patricia Jackson-Marshall (D), 10 Watson Avenue, to the position of Democratic Registrar of Voters

Mr. Fontana announced that public hearings were scheduled regarding the election process. The public hearing being conducted in the North Haven area would be on February 27, 2008 at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue at 6:30 p.m. for those who wished to testify.

A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the following resolution regarding the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of North Haven hereby authorizes the First Selectman to apply for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for the purpose of expanding the capacities of the Public Works Field Operations Headquarters located at 110 Elm Street and that the resulting consolidation of staffing and equipment will allow an existing commercial property to be reutilized for its highest and best use according to the Zoning Regulations of the Town.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Richard Branigan, Director of Public Works, provided more details on the extent of the project.

Ms. McCarty introduced Stephen Fitzgerald, Chairman, Open Space Advisory Committee to discuss the Committee's recommendation concerning the Walter Greist property. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Town of North Haven acquire a conservation easement at 3600 Ridge Road for \$330,000. The property is eleven and a half acres and is currently being operated as the co-op

farm, Mill River Valley Gardens. The acquisition of this property would meet the criteria set forth by the committee for open space including protection of agriculture, natural and scenic resources, public recreation opportunities and connectivity to other open space. The Land Trust has made a financial commitment to help to obtain this property, but the amount is currently unknown. It is believed that state funds may be available in the spring and could be applied to defray the cost to the town. Mr. Greist would like to have the farm continue to operate on the property. Transfer of the title would have to be negotiated with the option of title to the town or Land Trust. Ms. McCarty explained that no action would be taken at the meeting and that discussion would continue in the following months. Mr. Greist has asked that a decision be made by August 2008.

Mr. Fontana moved to approve the following property tax refunds:

Horace C. or Donna P. Abate, 4 Larson Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$12.67

Rebecca E. Briglia, 29 Hidden Pond Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$48.21

GMAC, 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, in the amount of \$84.38, and in the amount of \$275.05

Benedetto Izzo, 18 Janet Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$581.75

Anthony J. Sr. & Roxanne Lota & Surv, 130 State Street, Unit D-38, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$80.36

Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$144.21, and in the amount of \$305.38, and in the amount of \$31.52, and in the amount of \$277.40, and in the amount of \$183.22

Daniel O'Connor, 31 Poplar Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$59.41

Stephen J. Ricciardelli, 7 Patten Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$110.93

Carlos J. Rivas, 312 Skiff Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$62.56

Ryder Truck Rental LT, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114, in the amount of \$2,323.94

Tennant Sales and Service Co., 9000 Midlantic Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, in the amount of \$154.30

VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$92.91

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana moved to approve the following bond releases, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission:

Eugene P. Criscuolo, 61 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$10,000.

Stephen J. DiCapua, Rosedale Development, 234-236 Upper State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.

John DeTulio Family Limited Partnership, 6 Corporate Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$6,000.

John Peters/Peters Irrigation, LLC, 451-455 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$20,000.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Fontana moved the appointment of Dr. John H. Drury, 977 Mount Carmel Avenue, to the Police Retirement Board

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

Mr. Freda moved the appointment of the following residents to the Clean Energy Task Force:

Hugh Davis	1261 Ridge Road
Dorie Baker	419 Skiff Street
Mary Mahon	91 Shawmut Avenue
Shelley Wheeler-Carreiro	115 Hartley Street
Patricia Brown	49 Garfield Avenue
Paul Colella	24 Fieldstone Court
Nick Gill	117 Blakeslee Avenue
Maurice Libson	135 Buell Street
Lettie McPhedran	21 Central Avenue
Diantha Thorpe	44 North Hill Road

Mr. Freda noted that four residents were currently members of the Conservation Commission. He thanked the volunteers for their interest in serving in this capacity. He explained that 700 mayors and first selectmen across the country are on board looking for ways to save on utility costs and that this committee had an important job moving forward. Ms. McCarty asked that anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the First Selectman's office at 239-5321 x760

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

The board entertained comments from the public.

Joseph D'Errico Sr., 50 Corey Road, Chairman of the Police Commission, asked if the police chief was being removed from contract negotiations. Ms. McCarty explained that the police chief would be part of the negotiations but would not be present in the room when negotiations took place. Further clarification was requested by Police Chief James DiCarlo, Florence Sinow, 18 Maple Avenue, and Ann DeMatteo, New Haven Register. Ms. McCarty explained that the negotiation team would consist of Ed Gomeau, Interim Director of Administration and Finance, Chris Duby, Assistant Town Attorney, and David Ryan, who has historical experience in negotiating town contracts. It was noted that Mr. Ryan of David Ryan Associates, has at least 10 years experience with town negotiations. Mr. Fontana explained that the First Selectman determines how negotiations are conducted and noted again that the department heads will be consulted during negotiations with all the unions. He noted that this procedure will hopefully lead to a more efficient and prompt resolution than in the past.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street #15-4, asked if the First Selectman could issue an executive order to have the heat maintained at less than 74% in town buildings. Ms. McCarty noted that the issue was being addressed.

Paul Motyl, 46 Pine River Road, was concerned about the flooding problems after the last rainstorm. He didn't feel the Town or State was doing enough to alleviate the problem. Richard Branigan, Director of Public Works, explained that the Town did what they could and had inquired about further steps that could be taken.

LuAnn Buono, 15 Lancelot Drive, asked that people in the audience be polite and stressed the need to accept change.

Mr. Freda was asked about his opinion regarding the withdrawal of the application by Mr. Rabina on the Pratt & Whitney site. Mr. Freda stated that North Haven's future depends on this project since it will generate many new jobs and tax revenue. Ms. McCarty agreed that it is an important project and looks forward to Mr. Rabina's reapplication. She stated that North Haven should not be dependent on any single project.

Gerry Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, noted that this administration's goal was not just growth, but "smart growth".

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. McCarty moved for adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

Voted: McCarty – yes, Fontana – yes, Freda – yes

