
UNAPPROVED

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
@Memorial Library Community Room

OCTOBER 2, 2008
6:30p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by First Selectman, Janet M. McCarty. Also present were Stephen A. Fontana, Second Selectman, and Michael J. Freda, Third Selectman.

Ms. McCarty began a discussion about the proposal for an updated Code of Ethics. She named the members of the Ethics Review Committee and thanked them for their work. She introduced Thomas McKeon, Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee, who explained that the committee was not sanctioned to come up with a new code of ethics, but to come up with recommendations to be incorporated into a final code. Discussion followed with input by residents who voiced their concerns and made recommendations about the proposal.

At this time, the Board heard public comments relative to the agenda.

Timothy Doheny, 19 Knight Lane, member of the Board of Finance, questioned why the issue of refinancing of bonds was not voted on by the Board of Finance because he believes the charter of the Town of North Haven gives the Board of Finance that power. Ms. McCarty read an opinion from the bond counsel explaining that the issue has been raised in the past and that the Board of Selectmen approval is the only one necessary.

_A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of September 4, 2008.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meeting of September 15, 2008.

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

Ms. McCarty announced the resignation of Doreen Tomlan (U), 12 Manor Court, from the Library Board of Directors

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

Ms. McCarty announced the appointment of Kimberly Yates Carew (U), 55 Mansfield Road, to the Library Board of Directors to fill to unexpired term of Doreen Tomlan, term to expire 12-31-11

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

Ms. McCarty announced the appointment of Walter J. Nester Jr. (D), as representative to the Regional Growth Partnership, term to expire 5-31-11

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

Mr. Freda asked if resignations could be announced at one meeting and appointments at the following meeting. He explained that it would give folks interested in the position time to contact the Board of Selectmen. Ms. McCarty stated that anyone interested in serving on a board or commission should send in a resume at any time and noted that sometimes it is important to fill the position quickly.

A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the following resolutions:

State of Connecticut Human Service Contract

Ms. McCarty explained that this was a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Social Services that would be used to purchase sewing machines and supplies for the craft room at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center. Ms. McCarty noted that it was a good week for the Senior Center. We were also notified that the town would be receiving the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for \$750,000 for renovations to the Senior Center.

RESOLVED that Janet M. McCarty, First Selectman, Town of North Haven, is hereby authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of this company, other instruments, a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments effective until otherwise ordered by the governing body

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

RESOLVED that Town of North Haven, hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142, as those statutes may be amended from time to time

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

Refinancing Bonds

Ms. McCarty explained that discussions had taken place with recommendations to refinance eligible bonds from higher interest rates to lower interest rates. She introduced Mark Chapman, investment consultant, who explained that, because of the volatility of the market, it now is not a good time to refinance. He suggested that the Board pass the resolution so that when the market shifts, the Board of Selectmen can meet quickly to authorize refinancing and savings for the town.

Resolution authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$6,500,000 refunding bonds for payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town of North Haven's \$3,525,000 general obligation bonds, issue of 2000 and \$6,000,000 general obligation bonds, issue of 2002, and costs related thereto

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

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

Chase Man Auto Fin Corp., 900 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530, in the amount of \$216.74, and in the amount of \$235.00

Louise Cusano, 7 Woodmere Circle, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$14.10

DCFS Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$107.04, and in the amount of \$174.49

DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$73.02, and in the amount of \$23.93

DCFS Trust-Mercedes Benz Financial, 6 Campus Circle, Suite 100, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$680.19, and in the amount of \$519.23

ELRAC, Inc., 1550 Route 23 North, Wayne, NJ 07470, in the amount of \$196.89

First Portland Corporation, c/o Advanced Property Tax Comp, 1611 N I-35E, STE 230, Carrollton, TX 75006, in the amount of \$699.84

William & Carol Geleneau & Surv, 11 Oakwood Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$94.38, and in the amount of \$106.48

Roberta A. or Douglas Hanson, 500 Elm Street U15 2, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$70.50

Howard L. Hankin, 18 Pool Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$102.63

Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040, in the amount of \$78.14, and in the amount of \$78.02, and in the amount of \$26.55

Robert J. Mantovani, 54 Ezra Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$46.01

Debra F. McDougald, 98 Spring Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$33.84

Claire S. Morico, 14 Carina Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$373.10, and in the amount of \$76.32

Mary Muzzulin, 631 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524, in the amount of \$280.83

Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865 in the amount of \$357.44, and in the amount of \$333.01, and in the amount of \$99.17, and in the amount of \$111.37

Gennaro F. Jr. or Pamela R. Noce, 14 Brockett Farm Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$51.83

Penske Truck Leasing, Rte 10 Green Hills, Reading, PA 19606, in the amount of \$39.71

Daniel P. & Angelina L. Perrotto & Surv, 1 Belmont Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$84.80, and in the amount of \$86.28, and in the amount of \$91.60, and in the amount of \$96.52, and in the amount of \$86.10, and in the amount of \$76.32

Mark L. or Marcel A. Piekarski, 171 North Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$53.44

Marc Plano, 560 Silver Sand Road, East Haven, CT 06512, in the amount of \$.17

Paula Robbins, Box 105, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$31.42

Ryder Truck Rental LT, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114, in the amount of \$994.76

David K. Samen, 4 Oak Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$7.31

Charles & Jane Solomon & Surv, 81 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$76.32

Carol Gordon Supak, 11 Patten Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$41.67

Stephen E. Taylor, 27 Central Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$40.96

Shirley A. & William A. Thompson & Surv, 61 Kimberly Circle, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$34.16, and in the amount of \$60.54

Richard F. Thurston, RFT Trucking, Box 52, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$21.83

Remigia Wojcik, 33 Hesse Road, Hamden, CT 06517, in the amount of \$142.64, and in the amount of \$108.63

Neil M. Young, 66 Oakwood Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$87.19

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

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

Super Stop & Shop, Barrie Drazen, Partner for Drazen Properties, 85 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.00

Pharmacia-Upjohn, 41 Stiles Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$750,000.00

Baker Properties Limited Partnership, 60 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$50,000.00

United States Surgical Company, 12 McDermott Road, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., 60 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$50,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., 195 McDermott Road, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$275,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., McDermott Road (STC Improvements), North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$50,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., 20 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$100,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., (Baker Properties), 195 McDermott Road (Water Meter Vault), North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$2,500.00

United States Surgical Corp., 195 McDermott Road (100,000 sq. ft. addition), North Haven, Ct 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$100,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., 12 McDermott Road (exterior parking area), North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$10,000.00

United States Surgical Corp., 60 Middletown Avenue (Special Needle Manufacturing), North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$125,000.00

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

Mr. Freda stated that he would like more information from the Planning & Zoning Commission before the Board of Selectmen approves the releases.

Ms. McCarty announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Ms. McCarty made the following announcements:

1. We were thrilled when we were notified that we will be receiving the grant to renovate the Senior Center.

2. North Haven is hosting the Columbus Day Parade to be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 1p.m. The Columbus Day Heritage Dinner will take place on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 6:00p.m. at Anthony's Oceanview and the Columbus Day Wreath Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 11:00a.m. at Wooster Square.

3. Free Energy Assistance and Energy Savings Presentation will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 10a.m.-1p.m. at the North Haven Middle School.

4. There is still no clear offer on the table regarding the CRRA waste disposal negotiations. Meetings are still occurring and there is no new deadline for a decision.

Mr. Freda stated that being informed that the Town of North Haven is receiving the grant for senior center renovations is wonderful news.

The Board entertained comments from the public.

Bernard McLoughlin, 1248 Ridge Road, questioned Mr. Freda's statements in his newspaper columns that the Rabina project is on hold because of Planning & Zoning roadblocks, and not because of the state of the economy. Mr. Freda stated that, in his opinion, if there were no roadblocks and had the new administration been more supportive of the project, it would now be in the construction stage and progressing. Ms. McCarty explained that she has a good relationship with Mr. Rabina, who has publicly stated that he is very appreciative

of the valuable input and support of the First Selectman and other town officials. Ms. McCarty added that had the Rabina site been designated as a Special Development District, it would have limited the options in the future.

Michael Mele, 109 Maple Avenue, asked if a Special Selectmen's Meeting would be necessary to vote on the refinancing of the town's bonds. He was told that it would.

Veronica Kivela, 70 Drazen Drive, was concerned that Mr. Freda was not part of the festivities at the World War II Public Service Award Ceremony sponsored by the Secretary of the State. Ms. McCarty explained that Susan Bysiewicz, the Secretary of the State, had asked Steve Fontana as State Representative and Len Fasano as State Senator to participate in greeting the veterans. Mr. Freda was asked to sit up front but was not an active participant. Ms. Bysiewicz and Ms. McCarty apologized for not introducing him. Mr. Freda stated he accepted their apology.

William Gambardella, 1014 Hartford Turnpike, Town Treasurer, wanted to let the town residents know that the town was in good financial order in light of the current financial crisis. A meeting had been held with the finance officials and Board of Finance members to discuss investments. As a result, some money was transferred to different banks. He noted our pensions are in good investments, although we have lost some money in the stock market. Our long term return is lower than it might be because of conservative investment practices.

Timothy Doheny, 19 Knight Lane, reminded Mr. Gambardella that he had not explained that the banks had to set aside a higher rate of reserves for municipalities.

Caren Genovese, 1322 Ridge Road, asked if the town was fully funded in the pension account. Mr. Gambardella answered that we have not been since 1989-90 and, as a result, we have to allocate money in the budget to catch up.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street #15-4, asked in what banks the town has investments. Mr. Gambardella explained that a series of banks are being used, always looking for a high yield and interest rate. He noted that money had just been pulled out of Wachovia, prior to their problems.

Gary Amato, 27 Pool Road, asked if there would be a report of the operational audit at the next Board of Finance meeting. He inquired if Mr. Centofanti would be available for questions. He was told that the audit was on the agenda for the next Board of Finance meeting.

Jeffrey Brangi, 70 Bailey Road, asked about the status of union negotiations. He was told that they were ongoing.

Rodger Salman, 27 Drazen Drive, member of the Commission on Aging, expressed his thanks to Roxanne Bouchard and Judy Amarone for the time they spent on preparing the grant for renovations to the senior center. He suggested that a letter should be sent to the governor thanking her for signing the grant.

Ms. McCarty made a motion to go into executive session to discuss workmen's compensation issues.

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

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to executive session at 8:20 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. McCarty moved for adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

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

