

## UNAPPROVED

### MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

@Mildred Wakeley Recreation Center Room #1

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00p.m. by First Selectman, Janet M. McCarty. Also present were Stephen A. Fontana, Second Selectman, and Michael J. Freda, Third Selectman.

At this time, the Board heard public comments relative to the agenda item regarding the ratification of the labor contract between the Town of North Haven and the Police Union.

Police Chief James DiCarlo, offered congratulations to the town and police union on arriving at a contract. He stated that the agreement allows for more flexible vacation schedules that might cost the town an additional \$50,000. He also stated that he will include that amount in the police department budget request for the coming year.

Ms. McCarty stated that she was happy that both sides came together to settle the contract rather than go to arbitration. While the new contract includes a 3.5% wage increase, it also has the police union assuming a greater share of their health costs. Ms. McCarty congratulated the police union and the negotiating team for coming to this agreement.

Mr. Freda stated he is happy that a contract was agreed upon. He questioned the effective dates of the increase and the health insurance contributions. Ms. McCarty explained that the effective date of the contract is July 1, 2007 and that money was built into the current years' budget anticipating a settlement. She further stated that the increase in contributions for medical insurance would not be retroactive but effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Freda asked if the police union had withdrawn the grievance concerning change in health care providers. He was told that they have not. He then asked if the Police Chief had been updated through the negotiation process to address his concerns, such as the vacation schedule. He was told that the police chief was involved in the negotiations. Mr. Fontana also stated that he was pleased with the results of the negotiations. He stated that he had spoken with union members who felt the agreement was fair.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to ratify the labor contract between the Town of North Haven and North Haven Police Union Local 3087, Council 15, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

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

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

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A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of October 2, 2008.

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

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

Department of Social Services Child Day Care

RESOLVED: that the First Selectman, Janet M. McCarty, is empowered to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of North Haven with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement.

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

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

Chase Manhattan Auto Finance Corp., Box 5210 New Hyde Park, NY 11042, in the amount of \$174.98

DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$93.98, and in the amount of \$268.26, and in the amount of \$268.26

Joseph A. Debenedet, 633 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$29.03

Marya R. Doery, 23 Judith Lane, Apt 11, Waltham, MA 02452, in the amount of \$243.27

Edart Leasing CO LLC, PO Box 234, Hartford, CT 06141, in the amount of \$292.27, and in the amount of \$250.37, and in the amount of \$152.17, and in the amount of \$182.45, and in the amount of \$123.02, and in the amount of \$100.11, and in the amount of \$140.65, and in the amount of \$83.03, and in the amount of \$71.20, and in the amount of \$72.69, and in the amount of \$442.84

Empire Paving Inc., 20 Bernhard Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$81.08

GMAC, Semperian-Property Tax, PO Box 33115, Knoxville, TN 37930, in the amount of \$180.12

Heating Oil Partners, 25 Bernhard Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$12,880.54 (multiple bills)

Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040, in the amount of \$100.46

Richard Lecuyer, 8 Philip Place, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$63.05, and in the amount of \$52.23, and in the amount of \$44.01, and in the amount of \$37.13

Jennie P. Merovick, 831 Paramount Road, Oakland, CA 94610, in the amount of \$361.43

Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$381.22

Gregory G. Okoniewski, 11 Benedict Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$19.50

Patricia A. Perrelli, 2 Allendale Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$22.02

Porsche Leasing LTD, 4343 Commerce Court, Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532, in the amount of \$176.46

Garland E. or Niddrie L. Rowe, 476 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$20.33

Ryder Truck Rental LT, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114, in the amount of \$110.21, and in the amount of \$143.51, and in the amount of \$42.93, and in the amount of \$366.83, and in the amount of \$179.73

Janet R. Simon, 123 Meadow Ridge Lane, Guilford, CT 06437, in the amount of \$83.87

Nicole or Philip Simone, 105 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511, in the amount of \$175.00

Shirley A. and William A. Thompson & Surv, 61 Kimberly Circle, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$58.18, and in the amount of \$66.96

VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$228.07, and in the amount of \$228.07

Wheels, Inc., 666 Garland Place, Des Plaines, IL 60016, in the amount of \$20.05, and in the amount of \$30.01

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

Mr. Fontana moved to approve the following bond releases:

Forestland Homes, LLC, 138 Spring Road, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$325,000.00, with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission

Animal Haven, Inc., 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$7,500.00, with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission

Pharmacia & Upjohn, 41 Stiles Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission

Raymond J. Gambardella, 135 Summer Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, Total Release in the amount of \$2,500.00, with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission

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

Ms. McCarty announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:00p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Ms. McCarty made the following announcements:

1. Holiday Food Drive is ongoing to provide food boxes for the holidays.
2. Negotiations still continue on the trash contract. CRRA and Covanta are going to arbitration over the value of the trash facility and it is not known how long this will take. Deadlines continue to move forward.

Mr. Freda asked if the five towns involved in the negotiations are in agreement, and noted that East Haven had just signed a contract with Wheelabrator in Bridgeport,

appearing to be a good deal. Ms. McCarty stated that North Haven found the CRRA requirement for a 20 year term of contract a problem and explained that tipping fees negotiated by East Haven were not the only costs the town would incur as part of their contract with Wheelabrator.

3. Code of Ethics – copy of the code of ethics is currently being looked at by attorneys. It will be presented to the Board of Selectmen, posted on the Town website, presented for discussion at a public hearing, and eventually brought to a vote at a Town meeting. The process will hopefully be complete by early 2009.

4. Best Buy Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2008. All are welcome to attend.

5. Introduction of the new Director of Finance, Thomas Morrison

Mr. Freda asked about the progress on the salary and compensation surveys. Ms. McCarty explained that she has a meeting with the consultant, Don Jacobs on Friday and that the study regarding the department heads is coming to a conclusion. When asked by Mr. Freda, she said that she thinks the cost of the study is about of \$20,000.

The Board entertained comments from the public.

Michael Zuccarelli, 520 Middletown Avenue, expressed his concerns about the number of group homes in North Haven. He asked that town officials keep track of their existence and address the cost to the town in money and oversight regarding the populations that are accepted. (referring to an ad in the newspaper regarding prison releasees or sex offenders). Mr. Fontana explained that he and Senator Len Fasano had addressed the issue in the State Legislature and continue to pursue changes in the law. He noted that the town officials can refuse the request for the type of facility mentioned in the ad.

Ann DeMatteo, New Haven Register, asked if any approval was given for a facility in North Haven. It was explained that no request was made.

Lewis Borrelli, 95 Warner Road, commented that group homes have outlived their usefulness and that there needs to be a better solution to deal with these issues.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street #15-4, wanted to clarify information that appeared in the New Haven Register. She explained that an article had stated that the Ethics Review Committee began to meet in April 2008 when in fact it was convened when appointed by Kevin Kopetz in 2007. The Register had issued a correction. Ms. Brody also asked about the status of the Tire Pond. Ms. McCarty stated that it is still an open issue and that meetings will be taking place with the Department of Environmental Protection and our Inland Wetlands Commission.

Ms. McCarty made a motion to go into executive session to discuss heart and hypertension issues.

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

The Board of Selectmen adjourned to executive session at 7:35p.m.

The Board of Selectmen returned from executive session at 7:45p.m.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. McCarty moved for adjournment at 7:45p.m.

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