

## UNAPPROVED

### MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
@Memorial Library Community Room

FEBRUARY 2, 2009  
7:00p.m.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting of January 8, 2009.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Fontana to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Budget Workshop on January 20, 2009.

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

Ms. McCarty made a motion to appoint Donna R. Levine(D), 23 LeGrand Road, to the Commission on Aging, term to expire 12/31/11

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

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

RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen recommends the adoption of an ordinance which increases the contract amount requiring a public bid for contracts with the Town and/or Board of Education from \$1000.00 to \$7500.00, as recommended by the Board of Finance at its regular meeting on January 22, 2009; and as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes §7-148v and Town Charter Section 406 A.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: That the aforementioned ordinance be prepared and drafted by the Town Attorney in conformity with this RESOLUTION and added to the agenda of the next Town Meeting following the adoption of this RESOLUTION.

Ms. McCarty explained that North Haven has the lowest bid limit of similar towns. The limit was established years ago and has not been updated to reflect current costs. Increasing the bid limit will save the town the time needed to prepare the bid specifications and the cost for legal notices. An increase was recommended by the auditors of our town and the change was unanimously approved by the Board of Finance. Ms. McCarty stated that an increase to \$7500.00 could be adopted in an ordinance, while a higher limit would require a change in the Town Charter. A special town meeting will be called at the end of February or beginning of March to vote on this issue.

Mr. Freda asked if we could keep track of the number of contracts that would fall under the new limit.

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

Ms. McCarty introduced Mary Mahon, representing the Clean Energy Task Force. Ms. Mahon invited residents to join the Clean Energy Task Force which aims to sign up as many households as possible for the Clean Energy Option. The town receives two solar panels for every 100 sign ups. Members of the task force have distributed information and taken sign-ups at the Concerts on the Green and at polling places during the elections. Energy savings bulbs are offered to each household that signs up. Ms. Mahon explained that the town agreed in early 2007 to make every effort to purchase 20% of its electricity from clean renewable energy sources by 2010. The task force offers grants to groups that help promote their cause. One group that has been very helpful is North Haven High School "Project Green", a group of students supervised by teacher, Anthony Giordano. Anyone interested in serving on the Clean Energy Task Force should contact: Mary Mahon at 239-0053.

Mr. Freda asked how many households participate, and was concerned that there is no feedback from the companies that supply the energy and receive funds from the Clean Energy Option Program. Ms. Mahon noted that we currently have over 100 households.

Richard Kivela, 70 Drazen Drive, stated that the sign up was through UI and that they were not reliable since they continue to ask for rate increases. It was explained that people are able to choose between two companies which produce energy by hydropower or wind. There is approximately a five to eight dollar increase in the charge. The energy is being transmitted through the UI lines, but is produced in other parts of the country. The purpose of this change is to decrease our reliance on oil to generate electricity and we hope to eventually see a reduction in rates.

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

CAB East LLC, P.O. Box 67000 Dept #231601, Detroit, MI 48267, in the amount of \$119.92, and in the amount of \$194.30

DFCS Trust, 7 Village Circle, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$270.04

DFCS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$111.23

First Portland Corporation, c/o Advanced Property Tax Comp, 1611 N I-35E, Ste 230, Carrollton, TX 75006, in the amount of \$172.02

Frank & Tanya Flath & Surv, PO Box 2156, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$86.10, and in the amount of \$76.32, and in the amount of \$70.50

GMAC, Box 4019, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, in the amount of \$ 215.56

GMAC, 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, in the amount of \$167.90, and in the amount of \$141.35

Donald MacCalmon, 83 Perock Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770, in the amount of \$318.25

Stephen L. Peterson, 11 St. John Street, Unit E8, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$28.51

Gail M. Pond, 50 Bayard Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$26.20

Theodore A. Schwarz, 23 Lincoln Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$52.64

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

Ms. McCarty noted that February 2, 2009 was the last day to pay the second installment of taxes without penalty. She explained that Alan Sturtz, Tax Collector, announced that taxes can still be paid online, after checking for the correct amount which would include the penalty. Mr. Sturtz also reported that the collection rate for taxes was equivalent to last year.

Ms. McCarty announced that the Four Chaplain's Program was being presented on Thursday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00p.m. at the Rec Center.

Ms. McCarty noted that the Registrars of Voters had made a presentation at the January Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding polling place location for referenda and compensation. She asked Mr. Fontana and Mr. Freda if they were currently interested in addressing those issues. It was agreed that the Board of Selectmen would revisit those matters after the Board of Finance workshop when the Registrars of Voters present their budget.

Ms. McCarty announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in the Library Community Room.

The Board entertained comments from the public.

Richard Kivela, 70 Drazen Drive, asked when the Senior Center renovations would be starting. Ms. McCarty answered that some contracts have gone out and they are hoping to start in March.

Rodger Salman, 27 Drazen Drive, was concerned about the loss of power to senior housing during a storm. He inquired whether there is an emergency shelter in town. Ms. McCarty stated that the Recreation Center was opened that evening for use and the High School would be opened if necessary. She explained that Judy Amarone, Senior Center manager, and Fire Chief Vincent Landisio were involved in helping those affected. There was a concern that there are no back-up generators in the Senior Center or Housing Authority buildings. Ms. McCarty said that we are beginning to get bids for generators for these buildings.

Stephen Cole, 30 Allen Road, asked how contracts would be handled that were under \$7,500.00, if the bid limit was increased.

Louis Criscuolo, 14 Summer Lane, asked if informal quotes would be taken for jobs under \$7,500.00

Ms. McCarty explained that a list would be maintained in the Finance Office of contractors that wanted to be notified.

Police Chief James DiCarlo explained that the Police Department regularly gets several quotes by calling two or three vendors.

Miriam Brody, 500 Elm Street #15-4, asked if there was anything new regarding the Tire Pond. Ms. McCarty explained that a Supreme Court decision has allowed the parties to look into assets of the owner's wife in order to cover the outstanding bills. There is an appeal of this decision and we have a town attorney following the proceedings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. McCarty moved for adjournment at 7:28 p.m.

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