

MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DECEMBER 28, 2009

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by First Selectman Michael J. Freda. Also present were Timothy Doheny, Second Selectman and Stephen A. Fontana, Third Selectman.

Mr. Freda started by introducing the Board of Selectmen and thanking everyone for attending. He then proceeded by wishing a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to serving you in North Haven in the year 2010 as the new Board of Selectmen. Appreciate the interest and for the attendance at the meetings.

There are two (2) items on the agenda as a result of calling this special meeting. The first item is Boards and Commission appointments. The second item will be the appointment of the Town Attorney.

At this time, Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the public agenda.

Mr. Bill Leiserson, 15 Cella Terrace, asked if Pam Sletten from the Inland Wetland Commission would be reappointed. Second, he asked whether or not the new Town Attorney chosen, went out to bid.

Mr. Freda stated that Pam Sletten would not be reappointed but would like to come to some sort of compromise solution for Pam Sletten. Also, they will be reading and talking about some of the expertise they would like to get on the Inland Wetland Commission. He then spoke about why the new Town Attorney was not sent out to bid. He interviewed many attorneys and did not want any conflicts of interest, but most attorneys had conflicts of interest. The harsh reality is there is a retainer of \$4,900 month that has been in effect for many years in North Haven. When we consider the fact that there are conflicts of interest, both hard and abstract, there is nothing to bid. The amount is \$4,900 and potentially we could get a low bidder with conflicts of interest.

Brief discussion continued between the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Leiserson.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any other public comments relative to the agenda. Hearing none he moved on.

Mr. Freda first explained that tonight is not the night that they will be talking about the Board of Ethics because the original Board of Ethics terms expired 7/1/09. At that time, they were operating under an old code of ethics. It was revised and voted upon at a Board of Selectmen meeting but never any action of changing the composite of the Board of Ethics. Therefore, the board is looking at candidates for the Board of Ethics and balancing those candidates (some of whom may have sat on other boards) with the new language in the new code of ethics. This board is not prepared to deal with this meeting because they are still sorting through it all. Mr. Freda's opinion is he would love to have a board with all

unaffiliated voters. The new language suggests there should be three (3) majority, two (2) minority, and one (1) unaffiliated. The board is going to try to put this on the January 7, 2010 agenda of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Freda then proceeded into the appointments of Boards and Commissions.

Commission on Aging (3 year term): Which have two (2) terms expiring on 12/31/09, Claudia Giuliette (D) and Anthony Pacileo (R).

Mr. Fontana asked is it a motion or a nomination. Mr. Freda replied because there is no one to nominate he will make it a motion to reappoint.

Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint Claudia Giulietti (D), 11 Falcon Crest Drive, to the Commission on Aging, term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint Anthony Pacileo (R), 124 Patten Road, to the Commission on Aging, term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Building Board of Appeals (5 year term): Which had one (1) term expiring on 12/31/09, Karl C. Veith (R).

Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint Karl C. Veith (R), 30 Allendale Drive, to the Building Board of Appeals, term to expire 12/31/14.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Building Board of Appeals, Alternates (5 year term): Which had one (1) term expiring on 12/31/09, Carmen J. Pedalino (R).

Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint Carmen J. Pedalino (R), 600 Washington Avenue, to the Building Board of Appeals as an alternate, term to expire 12/31/14.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Cemetery Commission (2 year term): First Selectman to serve.

Mr. Freda stated the only change would be that the First Selectman per Town Charter is to serve. Therefore, he will be happy to serve on this commission. He will be replacing Janet McCarty (D). He then stated he thinks there is a lot of work to be done on this commission. Mr. Freda has noticed that flags are lying on the ground. Over the course of time, through weather and cars driving by, the flags are falling. His hope is to find a solution so that the flags are in plastic and inserted into the ground to maintain the dignity of having flags remain standing.

Community Services Commission (3 year term): Which had two (2) terms expiring on 12/31/09, Laurie J. Hannon (R) and Judith Mackay (R).

Mr. Freda stated that Chairman Laurie Jean Hannon (R) who is now our Town Treasurer would be replaced. He stated that he has received a resume from Krista

Polinsky (U), 145 Kings Highway who is interested in replacing Ms. Hannon.

Mr. Doheny read her resume and made a motion to appoint Krista Polinsky (U), 145 Kings Highway, to the Community Services Commission, term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that Judith Mackay has resigned. He stated that he would like to nominate Michael Pepe (R), 59 Blakeslee Avenue, but does not have his resume at this time. He spoke highly of Mr. Pepe and asked if anyone had discussion on this. Mr. Fontana waved any objection he had at this time. Mr. Doheny stated good strong individual.

Mr. Freda made a motion to appoint Michael Pepe (R), 59 Blakeslee Avenue, to the Community Services Commission, term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Conservation Commission (4 year term): Which had one (1) term expiring on 12/31/09, Robert Dietter, Jr. (R).

Mr. Freda received one (1) resume from James Grillo, III, 1905 Whitney Avenue.

Mr. Doheny read his resume and made a motion to nominate James Grillo, III (R), 1905 Whitney Avenue, to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 8/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Economic Development Commission (3 year term):

Mr. Freda gave some brief updates in terms of what is happening on this commission. Mr. Ralph Durante (R) has resigned as Chairman from this commission. He has served faithfully for over twenty (20) years. He is devoting his time and energy, in addition to running his companies, to support a state candidate running this year for state office. He thanked Mr. Durante for doing an outstanding job. However, because the board does not have a letter of resignation as of yet, they will be holding off replacing Mr. Durante until they have a written letter of resignation. While speaking with Mr. Durante during the day, he also informed Mr. Freda that another faithful servant, Mr. Walter Nester, his duties with the chamber are such that the meetings tend to be a conflict. Therefore, he will be stepping aside based on a conflicting schedule. The board does not have a resignation letter from Mr. Nester because his term expires on 12/31/09. So the board will appoint someone to replace Mr. Nester. Mr. Radha Prasad (D), whose term ends on 12/31/09 but the board has no one to replace Mr. Prasad. Mr. Prasad has expressed an interest to resign but he has agreed to stay on with his intention to resign sometime in January or February 2010. So for the sake of this meeting Mr. Prasad will be reappointed but it is his desire to resign from Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Doheny and Mr. Fontana both spoke highly of these individuals and thanked them and wish them well. Mr. Fontana also stated for the record that he contacted

every democratic member of a board or commission whose term expired at the end of this month whether they wanted to be reappointed or not. He spoke to Mr. Gambardella, Mr. Nester and Mr. Prasad. Mr. Prasad indicated that he indeed would like to resign; Mr. Nester indicated to him he would like to continue to serve. Therefore, because he stated he would like to continue, he will not be supporting his removal.

Mr. Freda stated for the sake of protocol because there is no letter of resignation from Mr. Durante, they would not be replacing him tonight. The question is whether or not to replace Mr. Nester. However, the first person is Mr. William Gambardella (D), 1014 Hartford Turnpike, term to expire 12/31/09.

Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint William V. Gambardella (D), 1014 Hartford Turnpike, to the Economic Development Commission, term to expire 12/31/12.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda made a motion to replace Mr. Nester, whose term expires, 12/31/09 and who indicated to Mr. Durante that he has not been in attendance at many meetings because of conflicts and would like to appoint Mr. Richard Lopresti (R), 175 Sentinel Hill Road to take that position.

Mr. Doheny stated that with regard to Mr. Nester's status. There will be two (2) positions available in a very short time here. Mr. Freda then read the resume of Mr. Lopresti.

Mr. Freda made a motion to nominate Richard Lopresti (R), 175 Sentinel Hill Road, to replace Walter Nester, to the Economic Development Commission, term to expire 12/31/12. Mr. Fontana stated for the record he would be voting against Mr. Lopresti solely on the basis of Mr. Nester remaining on the board and his discomfort at relying on verbal information passed along to him in an indirect manner but does believe that Mr. Lopresti has a tremendous resume and this board is lucky to have him. Mr. Doheny stated that you couldn't help but look at this resume and not be impressed with this resume. He's perfect for this position.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana - no

Mr. Freda stated that Mr. Prasad's term is expiring 12/31/09, he has agreed to stay on and he would like to resign in early 2010. Mr. Freda made a motion to reappoint Radha R. Prasad (D), 120 Blakeslee Avenue, to the Economic Development Commission, term to expire (subject to when he will look to resign) 12/31/12. Mr. Freda again stated Mr. Prasad's intention is to resign sometime in January/February 2010.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Health District, Quinnipiack Valley Board of Directors (3 year term):

Mr. Freda stated there were no terms expiring.

Housing Authority Commission (5 year term): Which had one (1) term expiring on 12/31/09, Margaret Wells (U).

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Margaret Wells (U), 191 Pool Road #C-10, to the Housing Authority, term to expire 12/31/14.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Inland Wetlands Commission (4 year term): Which have three (3) terms expiring 12/31/09, Edward T. Bruce (R), Stephen F. Darley (D), & Pamela Sletten (D).

Mr. Freda proposed Peter Tenedine (U), Mountain Brook Road, to replace Edward T. Bruce. Mr. Fontana thanked Mr. Bruce for his service and has no problem supporting Mr. Tenedine to replace him. Mr. Doheny then read Mr. Tenedine's resume.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to nominate Peter Tenedine (U), Mountain Brook Road, to the Inland Wetlands Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda proposed Matthew Jermine (U), 1400 Hartford Turnpike Unit # 43, to replace Stephen F. Darley. Mr. Fontana stated that he contacted Mr. Darley and he did not want to be reappointed. Good to get new people involved.

Mr. Doheny read his resume and then made a motion to nominate Matthew Jermine (U), 1400 Hartford Turnpike Unit # 43, to the Inland Wetlands Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda then stated that Pamela Sletten's term expires 12/31/09. He asked if any further discussion. Mr. Fontana has known Ms. Sletten for years and felt her presentation at the last Board of Selectmen meeting was impressive. The time she has put into the Town on Inland Wetlands deserves respect and thinks that his preference would be to reappoint her for her commitment. Mr. Freda has given this a lot of thought and mentioned at the last selectmen's meeting that Inland Wetlands has been difficult to deal with from businesses. More and more businesses have said that there are too many bureaucratic tendencies on Inland Wetlands. He met with Chairman Mark Trojanowski to discuss and get his feedback on the people on this board, their strengths and weaknesses. He recommended that the board not reappoint Pamela Sletten. Discussion was had amongst the members of the board regarding Ms. Sletten. Mr. Fontana stated that this is just Mr. Trojanowski's opinion and that there are no facts he is aware of. Mr. Freda stated that Mr. Trojanowski gave him a reason and stated he would not reappoint her. Not appropriate to go through the reasons but feel free to call Mr. Trojanowski on this matter.

Mr. Freda then asked to propose Pat Libero, 23 Mansfield Road to take this spot and replace Pamela Sletten, with the term to expire on 12/31/13. Mr. Fontana stated he would vote against Mr. Libero simple because he is in favor of Ms. Sletten remaining.

Mr. Doheny then read his resume and made a motion to nominate Pat Libero (R),

21 Mansfield Road, to the Inland Wetlands Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – no

Inland Wetlands Commission, Alternates (4 year term): Which have three (3) openings; one (1) term expiring 12/31/09, Frank H. Bumsted (R), one (1) resigned John Gilcrest (R), & one (1) vacancy.

Mr. Fontana stated there are three (3) positions; Mr. Bumsted (R), has indicated that he would like to be reappointed, Mr. Gilcrest (R), has resigned and one vacancy. Ms. Sletten has gone through extra training to educate herself and would be interested on serving as an alternate for one (1) of the two (2) vacancies. Mr. Doheny is in favor of this appointment. Mr. Freda stated he would take it one (1) step further; if there were any room on the Open Space Advisory Committee he would endorse her.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Frank Bumsted (R), 1925 Hartford Turnpike, to the Inland Wetland Commission as an alternate, term to expire on 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that John Gilcrest has resigned because he moved out of town. There is a proposal to bring in Stephen Miller (R), 5 Round Hill Road, as an alternate. Mr. Doheny did not have a resume but had information and shared with the audience. Mr. Fontana doesn't know Mr. Miller but is happy he wants to serve.

There was more discussion as to the term of this appointment. Due to the indecision on the term expirations of the two (2) final alternates, the board will vote on these appointments at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/7/10.

Library, Board of Directors (6 year term): Which have three (3) terms expiring 12/31/09; John R. Carlson (D), Michael E. Fletcher (R), and Dorothy A. Mautte (R).

Mr. Fontana asked that the board consider Ruth Bryant (D), to replace John R. Carlson. After brief discussion amongst the board, Mr. Fontana read her resume.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to nominate Ruth Bryant (D), to the Library, Board of Directors, term to expire on 12/31/15.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Michael E. Fletcher, to the Library, Board of Directors, term to expire on 12/31/15.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda spoke of the final term for the resignation of Dorothy A. Mautte (R), a resume has been received from Jeanne Saldanhan (U). Mr. Doheny read from her resume.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to nominate Jeanne Saldanhan (U), 600 Washington Avenue B-4, to the Library, Board of Directors, term to expire 12/31/15.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Open Space Advisory Committee

Mr. Freda stated that there has to be a representative from the Board of Finance on the Open Space Committee. Mr. Michael Hallahan, 157 Mill Road, has faithfully served on this committee this past year. The junior member of the Board of Finance is asked to serve.

Therefore, James J. Lianos of the Board of Finance will replace Michael Hallahan on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Parks & Recreation Commission (4 year term) Which have three (3) terms to expire on 12/31/09, Alfred A. Centone (R), Frank A. Montagna (U), and Susan F. Puzycki (R). Also, there is one (1) whom has been elected to another board, E. Richard Wilson (R).

Mr. Freda stated that all three (3) have expressed a desire to continue to serve on this commission.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Alfred A. Centone (R), 91 William Street, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Frank A. Montagna (U), 123 Shawmut Avenue, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Susan F. Puzycki (R), 59 Sugar Hill Road, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that E. Richard Wilson (R), 45 Summer Lane, has been elected to serve on the Board of Assessment Appeals, so he will have to come off this board. It would be the board's proposal to represent an individual that has served for seventeen years faithfully and was asked to leave this commission two (2) years ago. There is no resume for Mr. Pomichter but he loved being a part of this board and Mr. Freda proposes to appoint Michael Pomichter (R), 11 St. John Street, back to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Fontana asked if there was a written resignation from Mr. Wilson. Mr. Doheny replied he had one in writing, just not in hand. Mr. Fontana was fine with that.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to nominate Michael Pomichter (R), 11 St. John Street, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term to expire 12/31/11.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Police Retirement Board

Mr. Freda stated that this is a procedural issue and the Town Treasurer is supposed to sit on this board. Therefore, Laurie Jean Hannon, 26 Highland Park Road, as the new Town Treasurer will replace the previous Town Treasurer, William Gambardella. Also, as the new 1st Selectman, Mr. Freda will also be sitting on this board replacing the previous 1st Selectman, Janet McCarty.

Water Pollution Control Authority (4 year term): Which have two (2) terms to expire on 12/31/09, William J. Lane, Jr. (D), Richard A. Werner (R). Also, there is a vacancy to be filled.

Mr. Freda stated he would be replacing the previous 1st Selectman, Janet McCarty on this commission. Mr. Freda then asked for discussion on Mr. Lane.

Mr. Fontana stated that he spoke to Mr. Lane and he would like to continue serving on this commission. Mr. Doheny stated that Chairman Richard Werner, also supports William Lanes reappointment.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to reappoint William J. Lane, Jr. (D), 1060 Hartford Turnpike, to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda then stated that he spoke to Chairman Richard Werner and he would love to stay on this commission. Mr. Freda then asked for discussion on Mr. Werner. Mr. Fontana stated he is a good man for the job.

Mr. Doheny made a motion to reappoint Richard A. Werner (R), 15 Elliot Court, to the Water Pollution Control Authority Commission, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda then stated that there is a vacancy on this commission. He has one (1) candidate that would be an outstanding candidate to fill this vacancy, Mr. Robert Johnson. Mr. Freda asked for discussion on Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Fontana stated that he also knows Mr. Johnson and is happy to support him on this board. Mr. Doheny then read his resume. There was brief discussion on the term expiration date.

Mr. Fontana made a motion to appoint Robert E. Johnson (D) to the vacant position, to the Water Pollution Control Authority, term to expire 12/31/13.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated they have concluded with the Boards and Commissions. He apologized if anyone thought this was too long but these are very important boards and commissions and everyone should have the opportunity to hear whom the board is considering to represent on these boards and commissions.

Lastly, Mr. Freda would like to move into the second and final item on the agenda, which is the appointment of the Town Attorney. Mr. Freda restated that he wanted

to insure that as the Town moves forward, there are no conflicts of interest direct or abstract. Many hours were put forward to find a Town Attorney. They had to rule out conflicts, they had to agree to a retainer, which has been in place for many years of \$4,900 a month, had to have a town attorney that would agree to accept the components of what the retainer is. Clearly defining what they will be looking for. When they sorted all that out, they looked at municipal expertise. There is a great firm, which is located on Chapel Street in New Haven with one of the partners living in North Haven, which by Town Charter is necessary. Therefore, he has chosen Ryan & Ryan as the Town Attorney. They will have labor and town attorney under the same house. Therefore, with all that being said he proposes Ryan & Ryan as the new town attorney. He offered any discussion on this.

Mr. Fontana stated that over the past year people have expressed interest in legal fees that the Town ends up paying. He would like to receive copies of all bills once paid that the Town pays for legal fees other than Ryan & Ryan if there are other outside counsel to pursue other legal matters so that he can keep track of that issue. Secondly, when talking about legal fees and law firms in the past administration, there were questions about the rate that is paid as far as a guideline in paying no more than \$195 an hour. Mr. Freda stated yes. Finally, Mr. Fontana asked what will Ryan & Ryan be doing for the retainer on a monthly or quarterly basis; he would like to be kept aware.

Mr. Freda stated that the legal budget has been split into two segments, the retainer fee and then legal fees and judgments. The total budget is \$200,000 for the Town for the year. The Town spent \$813,000 over the past two (2) years vs. a \$400,000 budget. There are many legal issues still pending that the Town is facing and are trying to resolve. Moving forward beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 Mr. Freda is trying to get back in line with the budget which is \$200,000. He believes that Ryan & Ryan offer a great solution in consolidating two (2) areas between Town and labor side.

Mr. Doheny stated that the Town is fortunate to get a quality law firm such as Ryan & Ryan. When you get a firm to agree to the retainer and have the expertise, the field is not that large. This is a well-known firm and the Town is fortunate to have them. He then read the resume of David Ryan & William Ryan (town resident). Therefore, Mr. Doheny endorses him as the Town Attorney.

Mr. Freda made a motion to appoint Ryan & Ryan as both the Town Attorney & Labor Law Attorney. Mr. Doheny seconded.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda entertained comments from the public.

Ray Fowler, 6 Todd Drive, had concerns about three (3) items: replacing someone without a resignation in writing; not having resumes in hand before appointing new candidates; lastly, by Town Charter all boards must be in place by 1/1/10 and yet Board of Ethics are not in place, why this matter couldn't be resolved.

Mr. Freda stated the new code of ethics would not allow anyone moving from one

Board to the Board of Ethics without a one (1) year time expired. Mr. Fowler stated he didn't think that was correct. Mr. Freda asked him to make an appointment and come see him. Mr. Fowler agreed to meet him on Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

Gerald Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, are there still vacancies on the Building Board of Appeals.

Mr. Doheny stated he did not believe so. However, Mr. Fontana stated there are two (2) vacancies on that board. Mr. Freda stated that there were conflicting sheets. If in fact there are two (2) vacancies on the regular board, they will address them at the 1/7/10 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Feinberg then asked about a Milford firm named David A. Ryan & Assoc. that was used by the Town in years past as a labor consultant, are they one (1) in the same. Mr. Freda stated he does not believe they are affiliated with this firm and doesn't believe it will be a conflict. Mr. Feinberg continued with several comments relative to Mr. Freda's new position as First Selectman.

Mr. Freda stated that in relation to the boards and commissions he is bound by Town Charter to get this done by 1/1/10. They will work hard to improve the process and making sure that they get resumes from all candidates. Mr. Freda went on to state that he is not daunted by this position and he wants everyone to know he loves challenges and wants to take North Haven to a new level of success and has hope and optimism for the future.

Pat Nuzzolillo, 7 Mansfield Road, spoke and congratulated the board for a job well done in a short period of time. As a resident, he is thrilled and pleased with the outcome of the information that has been transferred from the board to the public. It has been meaningful and courteous.

Barbara Feinberg, when she left she gave a list of all boards and commissions that had vacancies. Also, on the agenda it lists boards and commissions appointments and she always gave a list of all appointments twenty-four hours in advance and she doesn't see that on this agenda. Is this the case in the future?

Mr. Freda was referring to a meeting back in December 2007. People were thrown off boards like they never even served back then. He is trying to create an environment with the minority member of the board working collaboratively with the majority. For the future they will share more information on the agenda, but Mr. Fontana did have the information in advance.

Bill Leiserson then spoke thanking the board for appointing Ms. Sletten as an alternate but he is disappointed. He then had concerns about the Inland Wetland Commission and businesses having problems with this board.

Mr. Freda stated that he expects him to continue to express his opinions on this board and hopes he will make the process work better.

Mr. Leiserson hopes that the application process can be worked on so that there isn't a problem getting more information and causing delays. He would be more than happy to help along those lines.

Mr. Freda stated he would attend the first meeting of the Inland Wetland Commission. He would like to see a commission have a healthy discussion between all members of the board. Discussion was still had between the two (2) regarding the decision of Chairman Mark Trojanowski and Pamela Sletten.

There was then discussion regarding the huge deficit in the Town of North Haven. Mr. Leiserson disagreed with the characterization of the deficit. He felt he should speak more about the things Mr. Freda is doing in a positive approach for the Town of North Haven. Mr. Freda stated that he is not interested in the past other than to move the Town forward. Discussion was ended.

Michael Zuccarelli, 520 Middletown Avenue, spoke of 500 Middletown Avenue and the asbestos problem that has arrived and now the DEP is involved. Also, he wanted to know if the Town Attorney would inherit the cases pending.

Mr. Freda replied that there will be only a couple of cases that Parrett, Porto, Parese & Colwell will continue to work on. The rest of the cases have been transferred over to Ryan & Ryan, LLC.

Bill Leiserson again spoke regarding the site at 500 Middletown Avenue in regards to the Inland Wetland Commission.

Mr. Doheny discussed the deficit and his views are that the Town overestimated their revenues and that is why the budget is way off this year.

Mr. Fontana then asked that in the future as the Town moves forward that there will be respect and decorum at the meetings. No comments should be made while other people are speaking. All were in favor.

Mr. Freda then stated again that the next Board of Selectmen meeting would be held on January 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Library at that time a schedule of the future meetings of the Board of Selectmen meetings for the balance of the next year will be available.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Freda made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes