

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 10, 2012

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

### Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda  
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny  
Third Selectman, Alan J. Sturtz

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Alan Sturtz and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked for public comments relative to the agenda, being none Mr. Doheny motioned to approve of the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 1, 2011.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 29, 2011.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Freda noted that there was no correspondence and proceeded to introduce Amanda Brown, Outreach Coordinator of the Connecticut Commuter Services. Amanda explained that they work closely with the Department of Transportation. CCS was formerly Ride Works and Metro Pool, who worked regionally. The CCS is now a statewide organization charged with assisting employers with their employees' commutes. Their goal is to help reduce traffic and pollutants, improving air quality. Although they primarily work with employers, they can work with individuals as well. They are available to assist with carpooling, bus and train routes, etc. She explained the benefits of belonging to "New Ride", the businesses who have partnered with them, and their function as an information hub. Mr. Freda asked if she would be able to assist with the busing at the Carmen Romano Apartments. She agreed to look into it. Mr. Freda opened the floor to questions from the audience. Sally Fowler, Todd Drive, asked Ms. Brown for her assistance regarding her situation with a new commute she is faced with. With no additional questions Mr. Freda proceeded with the Selectman's Overview.

### Selectman's Overview

#### Operational

##### 2011 Fall Leaf Collection

- DPW successfully completed its annual Fall Leaf collection program in mid December.

##### Storm Alfred

- The Dept also completed a mass collection of storm related debris, generated by Storm Alfred, including residential, parks and municipal properties.
- *OVER 1,500 TRUCK LOADS OF BRUSH WERE COLLECTED AND DISPOSED OF BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FORCES.*

##### Reconfiguration of Central Block Traffic Flows

- The DPW along with the Police and Fire Departments will be working collaboratively to develop a modified traffic pattern plan for the Town's Central Block access, egress and parking areas.

##### Reconfiguration of Central Block Traffic Flows

- This reconfiguration is necessary due to a number of traffic and operational concerns.

- It is expected that a formalized plan will be developed this Spring and proposed to Emergency Service Departments as well as the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission for review, comment and approvals.

Pavement Condition Study – Town Wide

- The DPW through SCRCOG has secured a pavement condition study for Town roadways (126+ miles).
- The study will be used to develop a Town-wide milling and paving proposal to be included in a bonding package for consideration and approval by Town residents at the 1/11/12 Town meeting and 1/24/12 referendum

Building Department – Overview

	July – December 2010	July – December 2011
Permits Issued	824	1,118
Permit Fees Collected	\$172,066	\$250,586
Inspections Conducted	945	995

Total FY 2011-12 Fees	Total FY 2012-13 (Est.)
\$278,000	\$478,000

Grant Updates:

Universal Drive Phase II Grant Request

- The DPW in coordination with the SCRCOG is working to complete a grant funding request for Phase II of the Universal Drive Milling and Paving Project.
- If approved, this grant would fund a major portion of a road widening (3 lanes), milling and paving of Universal Dr. from Sackett Pt. Rd. to approx. the 900 block of Universal Dr. N. (Jeep Dealership.)

Small Cities Block Grant - ADA Modifications to Town Hall-

- Awarded \$750,000 to modify Town Hall to become ADA compliant including installation of elevator and handicap bathrooms.
- Bidding for this project will begin at the end of this month. We expect to break ground in late Spring and hope to complete by late Fall.

Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD) Bus Shelter Grant

- The Town received an additional grant toward the installation of a Bus Shelter to be constructed on Universal Drive fronting the Staples Office Supply store. It is expected that this shelter will be installed through coordination with the GNHTD in late Spring/early Summer.

State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) for Water Pollution control Facility

- The DPW continues to work with the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the approval of funding for various WPCF improvements through the STAG process.
- The 45/55 funding program, if approved to move forward, would allow for much needed improvements to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility.
- Improvements include the SCADA system (computer brain), pump station improvements (valves, piping and pumps), and secondary clarifier improvements, bar screen improvement and upgrades to the primary clarifiers.
- While the Town received preliminary approval of this funding request (\$600,000) in 2010, final approval to authorize funding transfers has not yet been rec'd by the USEPA to date.

STEAP Grant Applications Submitted for FY 2013

- Grant applications were submitted the State of CT's Office of Policy and Management for the following 4 projects:  
 Montowese Elementary Playground Improvements \$195,000  
 Vanacore Field Concession and Meeting/Office/Rest Room Facility \$328,000  
 Improvement to the Interior of DPW Garage Facility \$299,000  
 Replacement of Tennis Courts at Ridge Road School and Carina Park \$195,000  
*Unfortunately this year we were not awarded any STEAP Grant funding.*

Economic Development Update:

- Yale New Haven Hospital
- Medical Center on Devine Street
- Hibachi Grill
- Leon's Restaurant
- Rabina meeting set for 1/19/12

At the conclusion of Mr. Freda's overview the meeting continued with Mr. Sturtz reading the following resolution.

**A. RESOLVED:** that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Michael J. Freda, as First Selectman of the Town of North Haven is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the resolution as presented.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Doheny proceeded with reading the next resolution.

**B. RESOLVED:** that The Board of Selectmen of the Town of North Haven adopt a Resolution endorsing a proposal submitted by the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) for a Regional Performance Incentive grant pursuant to Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth). The SCRCOG proposal is for a Regional Web-Based GIS Program.

Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the resolution ad presented.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Sturtz read the final resolution.

**C. RESOLVED:** That Board of Selectmen of the Town of North Haven adopt a Resolution endorsing a proposal submitted by the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) for a Regional Performance Incentive grant pursuant to Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth). The SCRCOG proposal is for an Inter-municipal Shared-Services Feasibility Study.

Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the resolution as presented.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Doheny proceeded with the motion to reappointment of Steven J. Nugent (U), 335 Kings Highway, to the Inland Wetlands Commission, term to expire 12/31/15.

Mr. Doheny motioned to accept the reappointment.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Freda asked Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works, to provide some background on the bond release.

- Empire Paving, Inc. & Alexandria Estates, LLC, 38 Half Mile Road, release the entire bond balance of \$285,000.00, with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, contingent upon payment of all outstanding amounts due to the Town for Outside Police Duty related to the Alexandria Estates Re-subdivision.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the bond release as presented.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the following Property Tax Refunds as presented.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

- Cab East LLC, Box 105704, Atlanta, GA 30348, in the amount of \$314.45, and in the amount of \$171.45, and in the amount of \$299.56, and in the amount of \$171.45, and in the amount of \$212.90, and in the amount of \$460.73, and in the amount of \$278.98, and in the amount of \$239.39.
- Daimler Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$588.95.
- DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262, in the amount of \$383.13.
- Feldman, Matthew P. and Hannah C., 12 Glad Hill Drive, Middletown, MD 21769, in the amount of \$15.28.
- GMAC, 9401 James Ave S, Suite 140, Bloomington, MN 55431, in the amount of \$78.40, and in the amount of \$185.30, and in the amount of \$115.42, and in the amount of \$140.84, and in the amount of \$79.96, and in the amount of \$310.79, and in the amount of \$278.67, and in the amount of \$210.72.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$89.44.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 254648, Sacramento, CA 95865, in the amount of \$24.87, and in the amount of \$74.90, and in the amount of \$203.53, and in the amount of \$81.74, and in the amount of \$90.37.
- Penske Truck Leasing, RT 10 Green Hills, Reading, PA 19603-0405, in the amount of \$294.91.
- Rosario, Milagros, 27 Fitch Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$20.17.
- Ryder Truck Rental, Inc., 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114-2104, in the amount of \$401.82, and in the amount of \$228.82.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348, in the amount of \$325.12.
- VW Credit Leasing Ltd., 1401 Franklin Blvd., Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$174.37.

Mr. Freda reminded everyone of the Special Town Meeting being held on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the North Haven High School. He then stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked for public comment.

Mr. Raymond Sonazzaro, Elm Street, commended Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works, for the job she has done. Regarding the Northern end of Washington Avenue, he does not feel there will be any real development there. He also would rather see manufacturing business rather than the new restaurants. He also feels that the Town Meeting is unnecessary and we should not be voting on new firehouses. He disagrees with the bonding going to a vote because he feels the firemen will vote them in regardless of what the rest of the community wants. He feels Mr. Freda should be making the decision. He also feels that there is no room for a new public works garage, and that the entrance and exit is on a blind hill. He recommends taking over the Health and Racquet Club and using that property which he feels is on Town land. Mr. Freda stated that it is the job and goal of this government to present to the public what we think we need in the way of capital improvements. The First Selectman does not arbitrarily make these decisions; he has an obligation to communicate to the public the needs. This administration will present the issues, identify the costs, explain the reasons why and let the citizens of North Haven decide by their vote. He also stated that we can't make up the tax dollars if we closed the racquet club, nor would we want to cause more people to lose their jobs. He disagrees with Mr. Sonazzaro stating that we are not of the mindset to take businesses and jobs out of this Town, but rather bring new business and jobs in.

Gary Amato, Pool Road, asked if the firehouses did not get approved as one package at referendum, would we consider separating them and having another vote. Mr. Freda explained we can't do it with this bonding package, but in the future we could consider doing another bonding package. Mr. Amato commented that it is sad to see Friendly's go and he knows it has nothing to do with Mr. Freda. He wondered if it would be possible to televise the Economic Development Commission meetings. We have many talented people in town that may be able to help. Mr. Freda noted that Friendly's is trying to restructure their debt and going store by store to renegotiate their rent. The landlord was unwilling. Mr. Freda stated that he contacted Denny's and will work to try to fill the location. Mr. Amato asked if Mr. Freda would explain at the Town Meeting different scenarios regarding the bonding and what our debt structure would be with and without the new bonding package. Mr. Freda said he would do that. Mr. Amato asked if we applied for any STEAP Grants. Mr. Freda explained we did submit, however, this year we were declined. Mr. Amato shared his thoughts on the street sweeping. He said the roads in his area were not swept until late August. He wondered if there could be a lottery system in the order in which the roads are done in the future.

Brian Testa, Maple Avenue, commented that in the past Mr. Freda stated that with regard to the bonding package for the paving, it was relative to the cost per barrel of oil. He wondered how that will affect the bonding package now with fluctuations in oil pricing. Mr. Freda stated that about \$2.4 million of the bonding package was earmarked for roads. As the price of oil goes up, we can't spend more money, so we will be paving fewer roads. Conversely if the price goes down we will be able to pave more roads. Mr. Testa noted that he read in the paper the State is resurfacing roads, but not doing a complete milling and paving. Would we be able to do something similar in the meantime to tide us over. Mr. Freda stated it is a good point but the chip seal is an alternative, and it does not last as long as milling and paving. We would have to determine if that would be worthwhile. Mr. Testa asked if the ADA renovations to Town Hall would incorporate adjustments for the blind and hearing impaired. Mr. Freda said yes to the hearing impaired, but would check with regard to the visually impaired.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional public comment. Hearing none and seeing none, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.