

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 5, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 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. Donna Spose addressed the Board and commended the members of the North Haven Police Department and the G Salon for their participation in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser event. The Police Department raised \$8,550 and in conjunction with G Salon together raised over \$16,000. Donna thanked Paul Colella for doing such a nice article on the event and also the local businesses that contributed to the raffle at G Salon. She also noted that J Roo's also participated in raising funds by donating a portion of proceeds from patron's meals. She also expressed her appreciation and thanks to First Selectman Michael Freda for coming out on a Sunday to support the event. She knows he tries to reserve Sunday's for family time, especially when he gets so little personal time.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Sturtz moved the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of March 1, 2012.

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

Mr. Sturtz stated that on March 12th there was a St. Baldrick's fundraising event at the Middle school with participation open to the entire school district. Co-chairs Anthony Giametti and Sue Wilson were present at the meeting. Ms. Wilson stated that over the years the student participation has grown and grown. This year they shaved 247 heads and raised about \$60,000. She noted that Mr. Sturtz and his son raised quite a bit of money. Mr. Freda also thanked the members of the North Haven Police Department and extended appreciation to three of the participating officers who were present; Officer Val Queiroga, James Brennan and Chris Spose. Mr. Sturtz also noted that the North Haven Fire Fighters also participated in another event for St. Baldrick's at O'Tooles. Mr. Freda also thanked Sarina Debendetto who shaved her head to raise money. Sarina addressed the Board and stated that she participated because she has a friend who has cancer.

Mr. Freda stated that in response to Mr. Raymond Fowler's suggestion, the Town has fully supported and moved forward with a child abuse prevention and awareness initiative. In conjunction with April being the national child abuse prevention month, the Town of North Haven has put a sign on the corner of the North Haven Green, and planted a pinwheel garden in front of Town Hall. We have taped a television show on NHTV with Tricia Falcone and Ray Fowler providing information and resources on child abuse. Mr. Freda thanked everyone who has been involved with the campaign for their participation and support. Mr. Freda noted that we have Jacqueline Diggs of DCF with us to answer any questions, and Beth Gaillard of B H Care to provide an overview on the subject. Ms. Gaillard gave a presentation that included information on Connecticut statistics, types of abuse, social problems, perpetrators, mandated reporting, non-mandated reporters, and actions to prevention. Following Ms. Gaillard's very thorough presentation, Mr. Freda thanked Raymond and Sallie Fowler for their efforts, and

presented the proclamation promoting and declaring April as child abuse prevention and awareness month in North Haven. Mr. Fowler thanked everyone for their support and efforts for such a worthwhile and important cause and accepted the proclamation on behalf of those who embraced and got involved with the campaign here in Town.

Mr. Freda provided an overview of information relative to the Town as follows:

OPERATIONAL

Leaf Composting Alternatives

The DPW is currently exploring leaf composting alternatives for the composting of loose and bagged leaves collected through its 2012 Fall Leaf Collection Program efforts. It is the Department's goal to secure a location in Town, secure State permitting and necessary approvals, purchase equipment, site preparation and train staff in order to commence with in-house leaf composting operations by fall 2012. This initiative is being undertaken to save the Town additional dollars in next year's budget.

Bonding Projects

This spring we will start working on our three year plan of paving and milling roads, we will start renovation of one fire house and we will be constructing the new public works garage. Over the next 3 year period, we will see an upgrade of the Town as part of our long term capital improvement plan.

Stoddard Ave & Elm St Drainage Project

The DPW has commenced with drainage improvements to eliminate flooding, which frequently occurred on Elm St. from Old Broadway to the Town's Recycling Center. The Department commenced with construction, which involves the installation of 580 feet of 30" diameter pipeline, manholes and catch basins on March 29th and expects to conclude on or before April 20, 2012.

Milling and Paving Schedule for 2012 - 2015

The Department met with the SCRCOG Pavement Condition Study consultant, to develop a 4 year plan to mill and pave approximately 25+ miles of Town roadway. The milling and paving plan should be completed by the end of April and will likely address as many as 50 to 75 roadways in Town. The plan when approved by the DPW and Office of the First Selectman will be posted on the Town's website.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Comparison of total Town Government 2012-2013 budget with debt & capital needs: 2011-2012 \$39,744,228; 2012-2013 \$39,330,314, -1% change and -(\$413,914) dollar change.
- Comparison of total Board of Education 2012-2013 budget: 2011-2012 \$44,389,014; 2012-2013 \$45,720,684; 3.0% change with \$1,331,670 dollar change.
- Total recommended 2012-2013 Town/BOE budget including capital: 2011-2012 \$84,091,296; 2012-2013 \$85,050,998; 1.1% change with a \$959,702 dollar change.
- FY 2012-2013 – Education is 54% of the budget and Town is 46% of the budget
- Total Debt is 7% of Budget
- North Haven Mill Rate History: From 1960 – 2011. The Average Mill Rate Has Been 31.81 Over This 51 Year Period. Today, the Mill Rate is 26.54 and will remain at 26.54 with no tax increase this coming fiscal year. The Town has been able to deliver back to back surpluses these past two years. A surplus of \$1,892,000 was carried over from last fiscal year. As a result, we will be using that surplus to offset next fiscal year's 1.1 percent increase and this will result in no tax increase this coming year with the Fund Balance remaining at its current 8%.
- New Dates for the Annual Budget Town Meeting Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the North Haven High School Auditorium and the Referendum is Tuesday, May 22nd.

Our Proposed Budget:

- Maintains and enhances our level of service to our residents
- Reflects true capital needs that will help enhance those services
- Reinvests back into North Haven with capital upgrades

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Yale New Haven Hospital Update: The Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) project will move ahead with the plans to develop an outpatient center in the former AT&T building at 6 Devine Street. They purchased and will remodel the 120,000 square foot, four story building for a

comprehensive ambulatory care program. The center will be open seven days a week and will offer a wide variety of very comprehensive services and treatment.

- Additional Economic Development Updates: Medical Center on State Street with the 24,000 square foot facility, Northern Washington Avenue, Universal Drive, Leon's, Hibachi Grill
- EDC Breakfast, April 18, 2012, at the North Haven Holiday Inn. Please RSVP to the Selectman's Office - 203-239-5321 x 680 - Or www.northhavenedc.com

Following the Selectman's overview, Mr. Sturtz and Mr. Doheny proceeded with reading the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That The Town of North Haven hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of North Haven or his designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of North Haven and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his right to equal housing opportunities.

Mr. Sturtz motioned with a second by Mr. Doheny to approve the resolution.

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

Mr. Freda explained the purpose of the call for a for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2012 was to expand the number of seats on the Blight Board of Appeals. Mr. Doheny read the call for a special town meeting to be held at the auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut, on the 14th day, May, 2012, at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Sturtz motioned with a second by Mr. Doheny to approve the call.

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

Mr. Sturtz proceeded to read the call for the Annual Budget Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT. Referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

Mr. Doheny motioned with a second by Mr. Doheny to approve the call.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Kristen M. Brandt, (D), 25 Cella Terrace, North Haven, CT to the Community Services Commission, term to expire December 31, 2014.

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Marilyn S. (Kim) Karlin, (D), 27 Green Hill Road, North Haven, CT to the Community Services Commission, term to expire December 31, 2014.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Norman Juniewicz, (D), 5 Larson Drive, North Haven, CT to the Building Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2012.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Peter Criscuolo, (D), 15 Fawn Ridge Road, North Haven, CT to the Building Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of William Kohlhepp, (D), 9 Eleanor Road, North Haven, CT to the Quinnipiack Valley Health District, term to expire June 30, 2014.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Ray Sola, 44 Cloudland Road, North Haven, CT to the Conservation Committee, term to expire August 31, 2015.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the following bond releases/reductions, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission:

- 66 State Street – Pat Munger Construction, Inc., release entire bond balance in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 66 State Street – Retail Property One, LLC, release entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- 200T Elm Street Extension, North Haven Tech Park – 200 Sackett Point Road, LLC, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$250,000.00.
- 44 Montowese Avenue – Michael Imperati, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00

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

Mr. Doheny moved the following property tax refunds –

- Abby of Regina Lourdes, 273 Flanders Road, Bethlehem, CT 06751-2210 in the amount of \$66.08.
- Blue Ridge Landscaping, 1183 Hartford Tpke, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$10.38.
- Esposito, Robert D & Esposito, Margaret L, 80 Bishop Street, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$350.00.
- Ferrie Asphalt Paving Co, 31 Macarthur Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$36.54.
- Gagliardi, Roberta or Gagliardi James, 1 Greenfield Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$27.71
- Kaman, David Andrew, 251 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$586.27.
- Kavgaci, Ekrem & Psirris Maria, 66 Fallon Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$38.48, and in the amount of \$39.02.
- Plant, Stephen, 10 Manor Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$16.32.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$260.23

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

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

At this time he opened the meeting up to public comment. Mr. Raymond Fowler of Todd Drive expressed concern over the appointment of Norman Juniewicz to the Building Board of Appeals, since he was already sitting on the Board of Assessment Appeals. Mr. Freda stated that he did not think there would be a conflict, but if there was something that posed a conflict, Mr. Juniewicz would excuse himself from the issue. Mr. Doheny also stated that we don't have a lot of people volunteering for these openings on our boards and commissions and it seems that it is becoming more frequent that we are having members sitting on multiple boards. He encouraged residents to submit their resumes. Mr. Sturtz added that he hopes it is not the beginning of a trend. He has noticed a decline in public participation at meetings and referendum. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote at the next budget referendum.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional public comment. Hearing none and seeing none, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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