

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 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.

There being no comments relative to the agenda, Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 7, 2013 with a second by Mr. Sturtz.

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

Mr. Freda explained that he had decided to dispense with his normal overview and PowerPoint presentation this evening to allow Mr. Fowler more time to speak. He did remind the public that this is a very difficult budget and encouraged the public to become involved by attending the public hearing and budget meeting. He provided the date of the hearing as April 9th, the budget meeting on May 13th and lastly the referendum on May 21st, 2013.

Mr. Freda then introduced Mr. Fowler explaining that Mr. Fowler came to us last year with the desire to raise awareness the subject of Child Abuse education and prevention. Mr. Freda explained that the Town has embraced Ray's suggestion and we are continuing to move forward with this program. Mr. Fowler then gave a very moving presentation outlining child abuse statistics, forms of abuse, and resources. He urges all citizens to observe, report and discuss child abuse. Help is available at both a local and state level, 24/7, 365 days a year. He also noted that during off hours there is a 211 number that can always be accessed. He thanked Mr. Freda, Dr. Cronin, and Town personnel for their involvement and support. Mr. Doheny inquired about the 211 number and Mr. Fowler clarified that the number is accessible 24 hours a day when it may not be convenient to use local numbers. Mr. Sturtz asked if there would be programs in the schools again this year. Mr. Fowler said he is working with Dr. Cronin. Mr. Sturtz also suggested Mr. Fowler inquire about involving the various PTA groups.

Following Mr. Fowler's presentation, the Board continued with the resignations and appointments with Mr. Doheny and Mr. Sturtz presenting the resumes of the candidates. The Board then accepted the resignation of Rollin M. Hickcox (R), 32 Moulthrop Street, North Haven from the Building Board of Appeals.

Mr. Sturtz moved the appointment of Pamela DeSimone (U), 33 Sara Circle, North Haven as an alternate on the Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Sturtz moved the appointment of Joel Rudicoff (D), 31 Lancelot Drive, North Haven to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Capucci to terminate on December 1, 2015. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny moved the appointment of Michelle Spader (D), 15 Leighton Court, North Haven to the Community Services Commission to fill the unexpired term of James Marshall to terminate on December 31, 2013. Mr. Sturtz seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny moved and Mr. Doheny seconded the following property tax refunds:

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

- Basilicato, Michael A, 66 Pool Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$79.86.
- Cab East LLC, Ford Credit Personal Tax, P.O. Box 67000, Department #231601, Detroit, MI 48267-2316 in the amount of \$118.95 and in the amount of \$79.96, and in the amount of \$135.67, and in the amount of \$137.08, and in the amount of \$364.77, and in the amount of \$322.33, and in the amount of \$164.23, and in the amount of \$179.94, and in the amount of \$328.08, and in the amount of \$171.45, and in the amount of \$386.95, and in the amount of \$202.50, and in the amount of \$303.06, and in the amount of \$279.18, and in the amount of \$299.56, and in the amount of \$250.27, and in the amount of \$192.82, and in the amount of \$229.62, and in the amount of \$229.62, and in the amount of \$280.05.
- Esposito, Brian P, 6 Allendale Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$261.34.
- Haleem, Kamran, 1298 Hartford Tpke, 7 G, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$81.27.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$32.06.
- Iovieno, James H., 600 Washington Avenue Unit, F-4, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$70.44 and in the amount of \$78.54, and in the amount of \$79.62, and in the amount of \$79.62.
- Schaff, Jeffery or Pamela, 14 Cannonball Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$5.05.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$438.50.
- Zachey, Ronald J, 221 Blue Hills Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$454.50, and in the amount of \$460.74.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Doheny announced the current vacancies that the Town has on various boards and commissions and noted that we have continually had people stepping up to volunteer for these positions. Mr. Sturtz commented that as a reminder any positions

being filled for vacancies on elected boards, those newly appointed individuals will need to run for reelection in November.

Mr. Freda then opened the meeting to public comment. Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, asked two questions, one pertaining to the affordable housing proposed for Route 17 and secondly if Mr. Freda would be running for another term in office. Mr. Freda explained that the affordable housing project is a volatile subject in town. He explained the project is proposed for the former Lexington Gardens property on Route 17. He explained that this is a high density project with the developer proposing to put approximately 70 units on 13.5 acres. This would require a zone change that has many people concerned. Mr. Freda also explained that North Haven is below the State mandated 10 % for affordable housing at approximately 4.7%. He also noted that the Town can't stand in the way and he is also concerned about changing the complexion of the town. Mr. Freda would like to see more senior housing made available which would in turn open up the housing market for young families when those seniors move out of their homes. He provided additional information on the subject and advised that there will be a public hearing in April on the subject.

John Heeran, Debra Lane, noted that Mr. Katz touched on a sore subject. He mentioned two former development projects that he felt were not very well thought out.

Mr. Sturtz took a moment to publically recognize the Police Department and Salon G for once again participating in the St. Baldrick's event. He also noted that on Monday, March 11th, there will be the annual event at the North Haven Middle School to benefit St. Baldrick's. He will again be participating, and invited anyone interested to attend. The event begins at 6:00 pm. Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny mentioned the recent fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House that Mr. Freda participated in which was well supported by the community. Mr. Freda noted that the North Haven community is very good at getting behind and supporting various causes.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional public comment. Hearing none and seeing none, he thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

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