

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**MAY 2, 2013**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:02 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 if there were any public comments relative to the agenda, there being none, Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 4, 2013 with a second by Mr. Doheny.

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

Mr. Freda advised there was no correspondence and moved on to introduce Gina Colabro, Director of Member Services & Marketing for Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Ms. Colabro spoke about the CCM Prescription Discount Card Program. She stated that because the Town is a member of CCM, we can offer residents a free prescription discount card that provides average savings of 45% off the retail price off prescription medication, at no cost to the Town or the taxpayers. The discounts are negotiated directly with participating pharmacies through RESTAT. All of the pharmacies in North Haven, including the independent are participating. The residents will receive a card in the mail, or they can print one out electronically. The cards can be used even if you have insurance for non-covered items. The program also offers discounts on eye care and hearing products and services. The program is administered by ProAct.

Following Ms. Colabro's presentation Mr. Freda proceeded with the Selectman's Overview.

### **OPERATIONAL**

Recycling - Effective February 1, 2013 the Town and John's Refuse and Recycling entered into a NO-cost agreement for the handling of all curbside recyclables and those brought to the Recycling Center located on Elm Street. This no-cost agreement saves the Town's tax payers approx. \$85,000 annually.

Milling and Paving Program - On April 29, the Department commenced with the management of Year 2 of the Capital Bonding Milling and Paving Program dedicated this year to rehabilitating portions or all of 32 designated roadways Town-wide. Approximately 11 miles of Town road will be curb-milled and paved. Milling is expected to conclude on or before May 13. Paving will commence May 13, and is expected to continue for 3 to 4 weeks, weather permitting. Additional information may be obtained on the Town's website under the announcement section or by contacting the Department directly.

Town Parks - DPW has commenced with its annual spring time efforts to clean-up all of its Parks (200 acres) and in response to various field requests. Efforts are underway to address maintenance and park improvements at Grover Wyman, Canna, Montowese, Memorial, Recreation and Central Block areas.

Catch Basin Marking Program - DPW with assistance from NHHS and Quinnipiac University students will commence with its annual Stormwater Catch Basin Marking Program. To date 1,200 of the total 2,300 catch basins have been identified with markers. The Department plans to mark an additional 500 basins this year.

Montowese Playscape - STEAP Grant Award \$50,000, PTA raised an additional \$20,000, Ribbon Cutting May 17th at 2:00 pm.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year Budget - Most difficult one yet - Cost of operations to retain our services are going up. State Budget: North Haven loses revenue from the state on the Town side. We have analyzed the needs and determined what we can afford, micromanaged every aspect of the budget, we have settled two union contracts which increase employee contributions towards health insurance and eliminate pension for new employees. We will continue to settle contracts in that fashion. We went out to bid. The current Mill Rate is 26.54 and will increase 1.56 mills to 28.10 this coming fiscal year. The Annual Budget Town Meeting Monday is May 13th at 7:00 pm in the North Haven High School Auditorium. Referendum is Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. One Voting Location: Mildred Wakeley Recreation Center on Linsley St. Our Proposed Budget maintains our present level of services to our residents and reflects only true capital needs.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Carter Mario Law Offices, 285 State Street Next Step Living – a residential energy efficiency company, Clean Harbors Corporation, Animal/Pets Surgical Referral Center being built, 352 Sackett Point Road – Wholesale Distribution Company, Development on Daddio Farms, State Street Project – old Nissan Dealership.

#### NOTABLE MENTION

Substance Abuse Action Council Held Pill Return Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Fire Headquarters. This continues to be a very worthwhile event. Estimated 4,500+ units of controlled medications turned in for safe disposal.

Max Sinoway Opening Day - The DPW provided field maintenance and rehabilitation support to the Montowese Park in preparation for the annual Max Sinoway Baseball Opening Day Ceremony hosted on Saturday, April 27th. It was a successful event with over a thousand players and members of the public attending.

Music Under the Stars - Pre-concert series will begin with North Haven High School Band on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, June 15th Steven Cusano. First concert is Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on the North Haven Green with Rich DiPalma. Check the Town website for schedule of performers.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies - The North Haven Fire Department cordially invites everyone to the groundbreaking ceremonies for the renovations and additions of John P. Rosadini Fire Headquarters, Company 1, 11 Broadway and the new construction of Montowese Fire Company #2. North Haven Fire Headquarters - 11 Broadway - May 3, 2013 - 3:30 PM; Montowese Company 2 - 282 Quinnipiac Avenue - May 3, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Following the Selectman's overview Mr. Sturtz read the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That Michael J. Freda, Frist Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Sturtz read the following Bond Releases and Mr. Doheny moved them seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

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

- 190 Montowese Avenue – Pond View Estates Condominium Association, Inc., release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$20,000.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- 291 State Street – Northeast Graphics, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$50,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 1194 Hartford Turnpike – Gianfranco Battista, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Doheny moved the approval of the following property tax refunds. Mr. Sturtz seconded the motion.

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

- Auriemma, Dominic & Serafina, 26 Great Meadow Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$240.08, and in the amount of \$212.41, and in the amount of \$206.22.
- Electrical Facilities Inc, 9 Koczak Court, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$456.57.
- Graham, Sonjia, 293 Dyer Street, New Haven, CT 06515 in the amount of \$146.90, and in the amount of \$282.22.
- Kacynski, Justin D, 166 William Street, Apt 2, West Haven, CT 06516 in the amount of \$177.03, and in the amount of \$153.90, and in the amount of \$172.24.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, P.O. Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265-02143 in the amount of 314.50.
- Ryder Truck Rental, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114-2104 in the amount of \$390.62, and in the amount of \$1,112.45, and in the amount of \$116.03, and in the amount of \$253.45, and in the amount of \$341.94, and in the amount of \$670.74, and in the amount of \$150.74, and in the amount of \$293.26.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and will not be in the library but in meeting room #1 of the Mildred Wakeley Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked for Public Comment.

Mr. Sherman Katz of Sherwood Drive, inquired about the amount of Florida license plates he sees about town. He was wondering if the program put in place to address

the issue was continuing. Mr. Freda explained the program with the outside agency MTS, is not going to continue beyond the first year. Mr. Katz also inquired about the enforcement of the law regarding no more than three non-related family members in a one family house. Mr. Freda explained the process that the Town takes to address these complaints and noted that the Town is monitoring it to the best of its ability with a part time zoning officer. The Selectmen contributed to the conversation regarding the enforcement of various zoning violations.

Mr. Raymond Sonazzaro, Elm Street, stated the one of the biggest costs to the Town is health insurance which Mr. Freda has explained is due to the claims history. He feels that the Town is hiring sick people that are missing too much time from work. He also commented that the firehouse renovations are a waste of money. Finally he expressed his disagreement with the hiring of police officers from New Haven that were laid off. Mr. Freda responded in detail to Mr. Sonazzaro's comments.

Mr. Katz inquired since the Town has moved to defined contribution plans do we still have to contribute to pensions of existing employees, or will they move into the new program. Mr. Freda responded we do have to continue to fund those pensions.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, stated in response to Mr. Sonazzaro's comments that there is only one fire department, but four companies. He provided his commentary of the condition of the existing fire houses and the need for renovations.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional comments, hearing none, Mr. Sturtz motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm.