

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 16, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Alan 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, being none, Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of August 8, 2013 with a second by Mr. Doheny.

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

Mr. Freda advised there was no correspondence and introduced Sheri Borelli, from the United Illuminating Company regarding the North Haven Energy Task Force Energy Solutions Kickoff. Mr. Freda explained that the Town of North Haven has partnered in the past with the UI and their Home Energy Solutions Program. Sheri provided a description of the collaboration with the Town's Clean Energy Task Force and the Clean Energy Programs and the Bright Idea Grants.

Following Ms. Borelli's presentation and discussion with the selectmen, Mr. Freda proceeded with issuing a proclamation declaring, Thursday, September 19, 2013, "No Texting While Driving Day." Mr. Freda explained this initiative was brought forth by AT&T and North Haven has embraced and supported the cause.

Following the issuance of the proclamation, Mr. Freda commenced with the Selectman's Overview.

OPERATIONAL

- Canna Park Tennis and Basketball Court Refurbishments: Town applied for and received a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant. Approved for replacement of two existing tennis courts, fencing, netting and posts, and one existing basketball court, basketball poles, backboards, rims and nets. Bid was awarded to Maisano Brothers of North Branford. Demolition planned for this week. Project came in under bid and we requested and received approval from the State to replace \$32,000 worth of playscape equipment.
- Grover Wyman Bike Path and Park Rehabilitation Project: Over the past several months we have been meeting with a community interest group to discuss the construction of a bike path. Bid was awarded to TradeMark Contractors, LLC of Bristol. On August 31, 2013 a groundbreaking for the project was held at the park. Construction is scheduled to start on or before October 1st. Please note the Park's playscape and middle and rear parking areas will be closed to the Public from

October 1st through October 20th (7:00 am to 4:00 pm daily M-F) to allow for the safe execution of construction activities.

- Library Roof Re-Painting: Roof painting was under warranty, being repainted at no cost to the Town.
- Town-wide Crack Sealing Program: The Department assessed its pavement conditions utilizing information prepared by BETA Engineering and in-field inspections to finalize a list of 38 roads to receive crack sealing this year. The Department along with the Capital Region Council of Governments selected A & A Asphalt, LLC of Coventry as the low bidder. Crack sealing began on September 12th and will continue for the next 4 to 6 weeks. This effort is estimated to cost as much as \$92,000 and is funded through the State's Town Aide roads (TAR) grant program.
- Fall 2013 Bulk Pick Up: Effective on Monday, September 9th the Town's DPW commenced its two week curbside collection program for bulk items. This program will continue through Friday, September 20, 2013. Residents are encouraged to place bulk items at the curb along with their regular sanitation by 5:00 am on their designated sanitation collection day. Please visit the Town's website for specifics regarding acceptable bulk items. www.town.north-haven.ct.us
- Leaf Composting Program: On June 27th the DPW delivered its first ever "no cost" leaf compost product to the Town's Recycling Center at 24 Elm St. Was available free to residents. The DPW hosted a live auction of the excess materials (unscreened) on August 8th and sold approx. 5,000 CY to local landscapers, construction companies and farmers for a total of \$3,300.
- Middle School Update: Regular meetings with Superintendent, BOE Director of Finance & Operations, Principal, BOE Chairman, Town Director of Finance, and Consultants. Committee being presented for approval at the Town Meeting.
- Oil to Gas Conversions: Ridge Road School and the Middle School. Equipment has arrived and installation will begin this week and wrapped up in the next 2 weeks. Finance is working with the Building Official to accomplish this. Oil for 2 schools cost \$234,000 last year. Cost of conversion, \$83,000 will pay for itself in the first year due to the savings derived from using natural gas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- State Street 55+ Housing Project
- Sackett Pt. Road Transfer Facility Proposal
- Housing – Northern Washington Avenue for Quinnipiac University
- Animal Surgical Center
- Pratt & Whitney Complex

EDC Breakfast:

Thursday, September 26, 2013, Holiday Inn, North Haven, 7:30 am – (Complimentary)
CERC Economic Development Study on Upper Northern Washington Avenue will be presented

Mr. Doheny read the following resolution for consideration:

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, seconded by Mr. Doheny

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

Mr. Sturtz read the following items to consider and vote upon adding the following to the warning of the Annual Town Meeting previously called on August 8, 2013 to be held Monday, September 23, 2013, at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT at 7:00 P.M.:

- To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2012-2013 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of One Million Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 43/100 Dollars (\$1,018,760.43).
- To consider and act upon the recommendation of adding Goldie Adele, J.D. as a member of the North Haven Middle School Building Committee.
- To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission, respectively, for the acceptance of the following road as a road of the Town of North Haven: Hitching Post Circle.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Mr. Sturtz seconded the approval of all three items.

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

Mr. Sturtz motioned to approve the following bond releases seconded by Mr. Doheny.

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

- 30 Washington Avenue – 30 Washington Avenue Realty Corp in the amount of \$5,800.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the following property tax refunds, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

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

- Andriolas, Lisa, 117 Glen Hills Road, Meriden, CT 06451 in the amount of \$23.38.
- Antonucci, Paula, 32 Justine Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$105.50.
- Barnhart, Guy or Wynne, 1057 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$64.07.
- Bertuca, Angelina, 29 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$45.52.
- Brian, Eric, 7 Canterbury Way, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$15.43.
- Bonora, John P. or Michelle, 445 Clintonville Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$113.66.
- Borruso, Ronald, 1042 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$46.16.

- Cahill, Richard, 1971 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$137.13.
- Clifford, Andrew or Kara, 35 Tokeneke Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$21.80.
- Cole, Stephen, 29 Nume Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$299.35.
- Connor, Kathleen or Joseph, 99 Sentinel Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$8.77.
- Corey, Leslie, 57 Glenn Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$41.14 and in the amount of \$39.34.
- Cronin, David, 38 Park Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$111.35.
- Daimler Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of \$193.22, and in the amount of \$717.65, and in the amount of \$515.44.
- Deleozararnetske, Margaret, 1032 Sandy Grove Place, Leland, NC 28451 in the amount of \$48.52.
- Emkay Inc. Services, 805 W Thorndale Avenue, Itasca, IL 60143 in the amount of \$133.61, and in the amount of \$135.50.
- EMP Services, 30 Bernhard Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$3.51 and in the amount of \$19.48, and in the amount of \$18.21, and in the amount of \$22.25, and in the amount of \$33.47, and in the amount \$3.26.
- Fennessy, Robert, 342 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$28.10.
- Guarnieri, Bonita, 12 Macarthur Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$29.53.
- Hagwood, Rudolph, 2 Hemingway Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$35.35.
- Hart, Beth, 26 Knight Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$87.30.
- Hensen, Roger and Susan, 98 Patten Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$25.03.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelley Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681 in the amount of \$152.08, and in the amount of \$147.83, and in the amount of \$167.78, and in the amount of \$103.29, and in the amount of \$124.26.
- M and J Bus Inc., PO Box 801, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 in the amount of \$337.05, and in the amount of \$337.05, and in the amount of \$337.05, and in the amount of \$281.32, and in the amount of \$337.05.
- Minichiello, Frank, 23 Regency Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$79.95.
- Morrone, Thomas, 8 Lucy Court, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$13.54.
- Penske Leasing and Rental, Rt. 10 Green Hills, Reading, PA 19603 in the amount \$700.90 and in the amount of \$700.90.
- Penske Truck Leasing Company LP, Rt. 10 Green Hills, Reading, PA 19603 in the amount of \$734.36, and in the amount of \$574.58.
- Prunier, Raymond, 60 Shepards Knoll Drive, Hamden, CT 06514 in the amount of \$57.19.
- Romano, Nick or Joanne, 97 Patten Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$14.84.
- Rzasz, Gertrude or John, 511 Elm Street Unit 6-1, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$166.04.
- Sahakian Annrenee or Ara Babkan, 155 Tokeneke Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$92.50, and in the amount of \$25.80.
- Sansone, Christine, 145 Culver Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$135.92.
- Savulski, Paul, 90 Bradley Street, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$96.10.
- Silengo, Elaine or William, 600 Washington Ave B3, North Haven, CT 06473 in the

amount of \$57.38.

- SMM New England Corp, 234 Universal Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$3,052.78, and in the amount \$3,052.78, and in the amount \$3,052.78, and in the amount of \$3,052.78, and in the amount of \$3,052.78.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$163.04.
- USB Leasing, 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$225.79, and in the amount of \$172.87, and in the amount of \$109.20.
- Vastarelli, Jeffrey, 5 Longview Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$17.08.
- Webb, Adrienne Lee, 4 Kings Highway, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$73.43.
- Zarnetske, Paul, 1032 Sandy Grove Place, Leland, NC 28451 in the amount of \$100.93, and in the amount of \$34.34.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT. Mr. Freda then asked if there was any public comment.

Ann Roucco, Ansonia Drive, had several comments regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with particular concern over the project proposed for Sackett Point Road. She felt that the Town was supporting the project based on the Grant that the Town was involved in applying for with regard to remediating that property. She wondered why the P & Z did not vote on the project at that meeting. The discussion continued.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, inquired about the grant awarded on the Sackett Point Road project and if it is a grant or a loan. Mr. Freda explained the difference between TIF funding and grants. He also noted that the \$350,000 was in fact grant money but can only be used on this project to rehabilitate that property. Mr. Katz also asked about a press box at Montowese Field that was just granted approval at the P & Z meeting. He inquired if we would be liable to put in an elevator. Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works explained that the money was being funded by Max Sinoway and because the elevation is only 6 feet, it does not require an elevator. Mr. Katz inquired as the number of citations or tickets for people driving and texting or talking on cell phones.

John Heeran, Debra Lane, responded to Mrs. Roucco that he feels the reason the P & Z did not vote on the Sackett Point Road project was because they are entitled to a rebuttal.

Sally Buemi, Blossom Drive, expressed her dissatisfaction with Mr. Freda's statements at a previous Board meeting regarding the closing of Xpect Discounts. She felt he did not discuss any efforts that may have or may not have been made to retain the store in Town whether in that existing space or finding a new space. What efforts if any have been made. Mr. Freda explained in great detail the efforts made regarding this situation and why the store will not be remaining in town. The discussion continued.

Sally also inquired about the Blight Ordinance and enforcement. She feels most of the blight being cited is residential and would like to see the Building Official/Blight Officer target some of the commercial locations. Mr. Freda and Ms. Buemi discussed the issue in greater detail.

Mr. Amato, Pool Road, thanked Mr. Katz for being the impetus for getting the library

roof painted. He also commented on the Transfer Station project for Sackett Point Road and expressed displeasure with the lack of resident voice in the process, especially from parents since the property is nearby to schools. The discussion regarding the Planning and Zoning meeting concerning the Transfer Station continued. Mr. Freda stated that as public officials we need to listen to the public on this issue. Mr. Amato also stated that he would have liked to see a call be put out for interested parties to sit on the Middle School Building Committee. Mr. Amato also expressed his disappointment that after talking about putting the question of one polling place for the referendum on the ballot in November, it will not be included. Mr. Freda explained we have to work with the State and follow their guidelines. He offered to have Stacey Yarbrough come up and explain.

Chris Brangi, Bailey Road, expressed his dissatisfaction about the way the public constructs their comments and critiques and that people can pose a question and then leave. Mr. Freda explained that we have not put limitations on the public, but he is open to suggestions.

Stacey Yarbrough, Tax Collector/Town Clerk, explained that she researched the issue when asked by the Selectman's office regarding putting the question of one polling place on the ballot. She did find that the deadline was September 4th, and unfortunately the Town could not meet that deadline.

Patty Jackson-Marshall and Laurie Brangi, Registrars gave a detailed explanation of the process for the referendum and one voting place, as well as the recent primary. They explained November elections and primary are controlled by the State and are held at all voting locations. The referendum is the only time we are utilizing one polling place, which is their decision. They based their decision on a myriad of information and reasoning. They explained that voting in the schools when they are open is a safety issue that they take very seriously and have heard that echoed by many parents.

Mr. Raymond Fowler, Todd Drive, expressed his opinion that he voted in the referendum and did not think there was a problem. He also felt that tonight's meeting was a fabulous example of democracy. He also feels we should not be concerned with a few people making false accusations.

Sally Buemi stated that she feels you don't want to reduce the limit of polling places when you are struggling to increase voter turnout, although she never stated that the one polling place was the cause for low voter turnout. Perhaps we can put the question on the ballot for next November's election.

Dawn Pappas, Hartford Turnpike, expressed her concerns with the APT Foundation that opened on State Street. She has experienced a lot of traffic, people passed out on corners, etc. and does not feel safe. She does not understand why they were allowed to come into town. Mr. Freda explained that they went before Planning and Zoning, filed an application that was publicly noticed. Ms. Pappas feels that their representation as being a medical office was misleading. Mr. Freda advised that we are forming a Citizen's Advisory Panel to work with the APT Foundation, and would like to have her participate on the committee. The CAP will present their concerns and listen to other's concerns and work directly with APT to address the issues.

Ann Roucco stated that there were quite a few meetings on the Transfer Station proposal with plenty of opportunity for discussion. She feels that the Commission should have concluded.

Sherman Katz stated that he is all for democracy as long as you don't step on someone's rights. He also wondered if we could vote on the polling place issue at a Town meeting by a show of hands. He also said he had concerns that at the last P & Z meeting in the school there was no security and anyone could have brought anything into the building that would be there the next day during school hours.

John Heeran, stated Ms. Buemi was incorrect, the town had one polling place thirty years ago. He also stated that he drove by the recycling center in Hartford and said it appeared to be a clean facility.

There being no additional comments, Mr. Sturtz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm seconded by Mr. Doheny.