

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 1, 2014

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, Sally J. Buemi

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Sally Buemi to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda. Being none, Miss Buemi motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 3, 2014 with a second by Mr. Doheny.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda noted that there was no correspondence this evening, and proceeded with the Selectman's overview.

OPERATIONAL

- Middle School Building Project: Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, June 3rd, High School Auditorium 7:00 pm. Referendum, June 17th. Please visit the special website for information regarding the project. www.nhmsproject.com
- Spring 2014 Bulk Pick Up: Curbside collection began on March 31, 2014 and continued through Friday, April 11, 2014. A misprint occurred in the North Haven Citizen indicating the bulk items may be placed out for collection all April long. This was an error on the part of the newspaper. Should you have bulk items for disposal, kindly obtain a pass and bring them to the Transfer Station located on 1122 Universal Drive. Check website for hours.
- Spring Road Bridge Reconstruction: Through the bidding process, project was awarded to Nagy Brothers Construction for \$393,507, less and the originally estimated fee of \$600,000. Construction is expected commence on June 2 and the contractor will be closing Spring Road at the bridge for up to 4 months. Reimbursable costs by the DOT are estimated at \$200,000.
- Grover Wyman Park Bike Path and Playscape Project: Construction work completed on April 25th. Plans for the Bike Path dedication to honor the memory of Connor Kusmit are ongoing at this time and will be announced in the very near future.
- Recreation Field Refurbishment: Bid opening held on April 23rd for refurbishment of rec field located to the rear of the Town Hall Annex on 5 Linsley St. Bidders were solicited for installation of an irrigation system, associated water and electrical work and complete refurbishment of the field. The project cost of \$30,150 is being funded through LoCIP grant dollars. Work will start on or after August 2, 2014.
- Canna/Carina Park Playscape: STEAP grant awarded in July, 2013. The grant included replacement of 2 existing tennis courts, 1 existing basketball the existing swings and the addition of a playscape. Basketball and tennis courts completed in 2013. Replacement of swings and installation of new playscape is expected to conclude

this week weather permitting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- Town Budget: No tax increase being proposed this fiscal year. We are still able to increase the Town side of the budget by almost \$937,000 and the BOE by almost \$1,100,000 and maintain a no tax increase. The reasons are two fold that we can achieve a no tax increase even though we are adding to the budget. 1. Our top line revenue is growing. 2. Our insurance costs have decline based on changing the pan designs though the collective bargaining process. We fully expect to have a balanced budget to close out this fiscal year this June 30th. With a June 17th referendum on a renovated middle school, the May budget referendum and budget represents what we can afford versus what we may need. Budget 2014-2015: Annual Budget Town Meeting, Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm NHHS. Referendum - Tuesday, May 20th at central polling location of Mildred Wakeley Rec Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Major announcement: New Business in former Marlin's location: C. Cowles and Company. Established in 1838 and founded in New Haven. Manufacture world class precision metal stamping. Produce components for both U.S. and Japanese auto makers with a total of 6 operating divisions. Diversified company that also produces plastic injection molding, commercial lighting, automobile accessories, boiler controls, boiler burners, and controls and ignitions for heating industry. Massachusetts division will be consolidated into North Haven along with corporate operations in New Haven. Massachusetts division will begin moving to North Haven in July of this year with a gradual phase in.

Staples Plaza:

- Five Below (fashion accessories, female beauty products, school supplies, computer software, bath & body related items). Namco Pool and Patio

Best Buy Plaza:

- New Comcast Service Center

297 State Street:

- Storage Pod Company
- Red Thread (creates work place environments – architectural designs, audio visual technology for businesses, universities and health care)

Updates also included: North Haven Shopping Center, Clintonville Manor, Pratt and Whitney, X-Pect Discount Plaza.

New business:

- ASAP Urgent Care Center – Grand Opening May 6th
- Connecticut State Medical Society: Corporate office here in North Haven and is a group of thousands of doctors throughout Connecticut who promote the principles of medical ethics of the American Medical Association to govern the conduct of their members with each other and with the public.

Incremental Tax Phase In. Anticipate bringing to a Special Town Meeting on June 3, 2014

NOTEWORTHY:

- One Town, One Book: On May 10th at 11:00 am at the North Haven Memorial Library, the Library and the North Haven Public Schools are planning a One Town, One Book event kickoff. The book chosen for this initiative is CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY by Roald Dahl. Town agencies and local businesses will be participating in the project throughout the year. Please check the Town and Library websites for a listing of programs and events. The two Story Walks have now been installed on the Town Green and at Peter's Rock.
- North Haven Substance Abuse Action Council: In conjunction with the National DEA

event, our Council held a Pill Return – Saturday, April 26th at the fire headquarters on Broadway. We collected a significant amount of both prescription and non-prescription medications. Narcotics with approximately \$50,000 street value removed from homes. Thank you to our volunteers!!

- Columbus Day Parade: This year is North Haven’s turn to host the Columbus Day Parade and activities. We will be gearing up for a great event and working closely with the Columbus Day Parade Committee to make this a memorable and wonderful time for everyone involved. There will be a “kick off” event on June 4th, 6 – 9 pm at St. Theresa’s Church Hall, 555 Middletown Avenue For tickets please visit www.columbusdaynewhaven.org or contact Valerie in my office.

Following the Selectman’s overview, the Selectmen then discussed the usage of signs for referenda. Miss Buemi asked if the voting signs could be put in more visible locations such as the fire houses or well-traveled intersections with the hope of increasing voter turnout. Mr. Freda supported the idea and noted that we need to adhere to the zoning regulations with regard to signs. He asked Miss Buemi and Mr. Doheny to collaborate and determine the locations for the 5 signs we have. Miss Buemi also requested that an article published in the New Haven Register on the day of referendum to remind people that they need to come out to vote. Mr. Freda stated that he would contact the reporter from the Register to make that request.

Miss Buemi read the following resolution. Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Miss Buemi.

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

- A. **RESOLVED**, that Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, of the Town of North Haven is authorized to sign the agreement “GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN UNDER THE LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM for Spring Road over Muddy River, Bridge No. 03961”.

Mr. Doheny and Miss Buemi read the second resolution and Mr. Doheny motioned to approve same, seconded by Miss Buemi.

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

B. RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN ADOPTING THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MULTI---JURISDICTION MITIGATION PLAN 2014

WHEREAS, the Town of North Haven has experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of natural hazards, resulting in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Haven, has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation Plan under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Plan addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of North Haven; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for natural hazards that impact the Town of North Haven, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of North Haven eligible for

funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of North Haven.
2. Future revision and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.

Miss Buemi moved and Mr. Doheny seconded the following resignations and appointment.

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

- Resignation of Christopher Ficocelli, 68 Blakeslee Avenue, from the Housing Authority Board term to expire December 31, 2017.
- Resignation of Michael P. Maturo, 120 Millbrook Road, from the Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut effective with the council's June 2014 annual meeting.
- Appointment of Marise Krampovitis (U), 555 Pool Road, Apt. 203, to the Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Ficocelli, to expire on December 31, 2017.

Mr. Doheny moved and Miss Buemi seconded the following Property Tax Refunds:

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

- ARI Fleet LT, 4001 Leadenhall Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 in the amount of \$441.17 and in the amount of \$335.80.
- EI – Guindy, Ayman S, 385 Mather Street, Hamden, CT 06514 in the amount of \$95.29 and in the amount of \$390.50.
- Enterprise FM Trust, 600 Corporate Park Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105 in the amount of \$111.20 and in the amount of \$191.02.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Tr, 10550 Talbert Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 in the amount of \$101.78.
- Ranciato, Justin, 123 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$187.01

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen – Thursday, June 5th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, questioned the road work and crack sealing that was completed and what remained. He noted that there was some confusion as to what we spent and what was actually completed. He also questioned the use of contingency fund to purchase the fire rescue truck and board of education expense for the middle school. He asked if that would be replaced. His last question pertained to curbside voting vs. absentee voting and asked if it was the same. Mr. Freda responded to Mr. Katz explaining the harsh winters have taken a toll on our roads and also explained that due to the high

cost of oil we did not get as many roads paved as we would have liked with the bonding package. He estimates there is another 60 miles of roads that are in need of paving and feels we will need to bond for that in the future. He explained our descending debt and our bond rating as well as driving our top line revenue to help with this. He also explained that the money would be returning to the contingency fund. A discussion among the selectmen continued.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, stated he was happy to hear the Board talk about the sign placement and things they should be in more prominent locations. He also mentioned that regarding the proposal for Clintonville Manor, the same developer built Tuscan Villa, but that is a more secluded area.

With no further comments from the public, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn. Miss Buemi seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.