

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 3, 2014

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A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the conference room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church 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 explained that due to a conflict, the regular meeting of the Board was rescheduled and the community room was unavailable, and therefore the meeting was being held at Town Hall.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Freda proceeded with the approval of the minutes. Miss Buemi motioned the approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen's meeting of August 7, 2014. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda proceeded explaining that because we are not in the library with the access to the LCD, he would provide a brief verbal overview covering several topics. He spoke of the mission to improve our parks and recreation areas in Town. Economic development updates on C. Cowles and Rabina Properties. He spoke of challenges we are faced with in regard to deteriorating infrastructure with over 44 miles of roads that need paving and that he will be presenting what a bonding package to accomplish this may look like in the spring.

Miss Buemi asked if there was an update regarding the tax incentive plan that Mr. Freda has spoken of. Mr. Freda explained that he is continuing to work on a tax incentive plan which he plans on sending to a special town meeting in the end of September, early October. He feels this is necessary to compete with surrounding towns.

Following the Selectman's overview the Board proceeded with the following resolution:

- A. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen takes action to change the authorized second signer of the ED-099 Agreement for child Nutrition Programs from Roxanne Bouchard to Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Finance and Administration/Directors of Department of Community Services and

Recreation to sign the claims for reimbursement in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual; Michael J. Freda.

After Miss Buemi read the above resolution into the record, and a discussion explaining same, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the resolution.

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

The Board proceeded with the second resolution as follows:

B. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven waive the Town's building permit fees in connection with the building permits to be applied for and obtained by the Town for the construction project known as the North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition, 55 Bailey Road, North Haven, CT. This waiver shall not apply to the education fee assessed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 29-263(b) and remitted to the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services.

After Mr. Doheny read the second resolution into the record, and a brief explanation by Mr. Freda, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval.

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

Mr. Doheny proceed with the call for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, September 22, 2014 in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, at 7:00 P.M., to consider and act upon the following:

1. 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 2013-2014 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of One Million Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six and 89/100 Dollars (\$1,085,566.89).
2. To authorize the Town of North Haven to waive the Town's building permit fees in connection with the building permits to be applied for and obtained by the Town for the construction project known as the North Haven Middle School Renovate as New and New Academic Addition, 55 Bailey Road, North Haven, CT. This waiver shall not apply to the education fee assessed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 29-263(b) and remitted to the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services.

Miss Buemi motioned to approve the call for the Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Doheny.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment of Adam E. Mattei (D), 2 Bowling Green Drive, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board, term to expire August 30, 2016.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the appointment of James Nesdale, Jr. (R), 42 Susan Lane as an alternate to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board, term to expire August 30, 2016.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following property tax refunds:

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

- Abrahamian, Armen A., 18 Falcon Crest Drive, in the amount of \$13.52.
- Collins, Minnie, 171 Pool Road, in the amount of \$2.54.
- Dube, John, 1 Blue Ridge Lane, in the amount of \$29.79.
- Estate of Linda Adams, 1400 Hartford Tpke. Apt 23, in the amount of \$16.61
- Gamsby, Kenneth E Jr., 9782 Spyglass CT, No. Fort Myers, Florida 33903, in the amount of \$179.76.
- Gelco Corporation, 3 Capital Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344-3890, in the amount of \$246.08.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelley Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$281.00, and in the amount of \$140.25, and in the amount of \$150.47, and in the amount of \$161.35, and in the amount of \$88.38, and in the amount of \$155.03.
- Hyundai Lease Titling, Box 20829, Fountain Valley, CA 92728, in the amount of \$188.92.
- Johnson, Laura or Steven, 9605 NW 77<sup>th</sup> Ter, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152, in the amount of \$24.81.
- Johnson, Steven, 9605 NW 77<sup>th</sup> Ter, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152, in the amount of \$69.33
- Mclean, John, 2165 Whitney Avenue, in the amount of \$13.38.
- McManus, Leo, 64 Frost Drive, in the amount of \$44.85.
- Midolo, Shannon, 8 Cedar Ave, in the amount of \$30.83.
- Milano, David S. or David E, 102 Standish Avenue, in the amount of \$33.92
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 650214, Dallas TX 75265, in the amount of \$594.60, and in the amount of \$167.90.
- Russell, Gary, 314 Bassett Rd, in the amount of \$23.32.
- Sandella, Alfred C., Jr., 19 Katie Lane, in the amount of \$23.33.
- Soderlund, Lance C., 1626 Hartford Tpke, in the amount of \$29.23.
- Solorzano, Norma, 73 Kimberly Avenue, in the amount of \$14.22.
- Southgate Nurserymen Landscape Contrs LLC, 3 Bernhard Rd, in the amount of \$98.35.
- Sullivan, Amy, 39 Kent Drive, in the amount of \$91.41
- Tomaszewski, Alan or Antone, 96 Summer Lane, in the amount of \$40.27.

- USB Leasing LT, 1850 Osborn Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902, in the amount of \$394.53, and in the amount of \$144.85, and in the amount of \$137.91.
- Weidner, William B., 480 Skiff Street, in the amount of \$22.73.
- Zhang, Yunlong & Ying, 10 South St. Unit 56, Danbury, CT 06810, in the amount of \$39.34.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Richard LoPresti, Sentinel Hill, Chairman, North Haven Economic Development Commission, commented that the tax incentive plan is important to North Haven and is needed to level the playing field. He commented that in today's news a new Costco is going into an area in New Britain and they are taking advantage of a tax abatement program that is allowing them to waive 2.1 million dollars for seven years. This is why it is so important for us to be able to compete, even though our plan will not be as aggressive. Mr. Doheny commented that in his capacity at the bank he often sees these abatement programs being utilized by other municipalities.

With no additional public comment, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn, seconded by Miss Buemi at 7:23 pm.

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