

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**October 2, 2014**

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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 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda. Mr. Sherman Katz of Sherwood Drive questioned the tax incentive program and if it would be presented in detail. Mr. Freda explained we would be going over it tonight with an overview from the Town attorney, Jennifer Coppola. Mr. Katz also asked if future Town meetings can be all on the same day. Mr. Freda and Ms. Goodkin explained the dates are typically in the beginning of a week on a Monday or Tuesday, but there are circumstances relative to high school availability and publishing of legal ads that also come into consideration.

There being no additional questions Mr. Freda proceeded with the approval of the minutes. Miss Buemi motioned the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 3, 2014. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 23, 2014. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda explained that he would be providing a complete Selectman's overview at the next meeting, but because he wanted to provide ample time to go over the tax incentive ordinance, he would dispense with his overview for this evening.

Mr. Freda then thanked everyone involved in the drafting of the tax incentive amendment to the ordinance, and asked Jennifer Coppola to provide an overview of the amendment. Ms. Coppola spent a good deal of time going over the amendment explaining each section.

Mr. Freda explained that over the recent years, many towns have adopted a similar tax incentive program. He stated that it is becoming necessary for North

Haven to have something to offer, He gave several examples of how the program will benefit the Town. The Selectmen discussed several points regarding the amendment with Ms. Coppola and Miss Buemi and Mr. Doheny both confirmed their support to the amendment.

Ms. Coppola addressed the Board stating that counsel for the Rabina properties was present and brought to her attention that there is a site plan on their property and some concern that the present language conflicts with that. After a brief discussion the Board suggested that the language in the amendment be modified to extend the deadline to 30 days before construction commences.

Mr. Freda invited comments from the Economic Development Commission. Walter Mann, Vice Chairman of the EDC stated that the Commission feels that the Town is at a disadvantage without the tax incentive and we need to level the playing field. He also feels that North Haven is very fortunate in that we have prime property available for development. He urged the public to come out on the 14<sup>th</sup> and support the program. He also spoke about a prominent example in Stouton Massachusetts regarding a program offered to Amazon. Mr. Mann also read a letter of support that was sent to the Commission from Frank Hird of OR&L, representatives for the Pratt and Whitney property.

Mr. Doheny proceeded with reading the following item on the agenda pertaining to the Board's consideration and vote upon whether to recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an amendment to the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to add Article IX establishing an economic development tax incentive program to aid in the location of new businesses to the Town of North Haven and the expansion of existing businesses to strengthen the Town of North Haven's tax base. Mr. Doheny stated they will be voting on the amendment with the revised language indicating that the application deadline be no later than commencement of construction.

Miss Buemi motioned the approval with a second by Mr. Doheny.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi read the Call for a Special Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT, at 7:00 P.M., for the Town Meeting to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to amend the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to add Article IX establishing an economic development tax incentive program to aid in the location of new businesses to the Town of North Haven and the expansion of existing businesses to strengthen the Town of North Haven's tax base.

Miss Buemi motioned the approval with a second by Mr. Doheny.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment of William Mitchell (R) - 50 Temple Street, North Haven, CT to the Fire Commission to fill the unexpired term of Sam Muzio, terminating on December 1, 2015.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the resignation of Anthony T. Pacileo (R) - 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-4, North Haven, CT from the Commission on Aging.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Dohney seconded the approval of the following bond on the agenda.

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

- 326 Old Maple Avenue – New England Barrel Company, Inc. release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$15,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

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

- Amodio, Michael - 204 Quinnipiac Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$70.28.
- Ari Fleet LT – 4001 Leadenhall Road, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054 in the amount of \$78.99.
- Financial Ser Veh Trust – 5550 Britton Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026 in the amount of \$42.60, and in the amount of \$132.38.
- Hyundai Lease Titling – 10550 Talbert Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 in the amount of \$188.92.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of \$301.51, and in the amount of \$ 377.66.
- Patel, Nayana – 129 North Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$747.46.
- Pethick, Brittney L – 105 Standish Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of 33.83.
- Stretch, Susan A – 17 Sunset Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$55.64.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp – Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$118.64.
- USB Leasing LT – 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$192.48, and in the amount of \$70.31, and in the amount of \$114.82, and in the amount of \$24.05.
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial Louisville PC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290-1951 in the amount of \$619.04.
- Woodruff, Thomas or Kathryn – 11 Crestview Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$24.17.

Mr. Freda stated the Valerie Goodkin, liaison for the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade, has done a very good job of coordinating the event for the Town. He then asked her to provide some information to the public about the parade and events planned for the day of October 12<sup>th</sup>. She gave an overview and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen – Thursday, November 6, 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. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, presented the Board with a list of questions concerning several issues, the funding of the Town's pensions, the splitting of motor vehicle property taxes, manhole covers that were paved over by the State DOT, his feelings about property owners being required to post a bond in the amount of the incremental tax incentives and lastly Mr. Freda's opinion of Tom Foley's plan to cap automobile taxes at 30 mills. Mr. Freda addressed each of Mr. Katz's questions providing detailed information and clarification of the issues. There was also some additional comment by Miss Buemi and Mr. Doheny as well as Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works.

John Heeran, Debra Lane commented on the Sewer Use fee and then commented on Miss Buemi's newspaper column regarding low attendance at Town meetings. Mr. Freda stated that the Town is working on a mobile app that residents can opt into for push notifications. We anticipate being able to use this to remind residents on their phones of referendums and town meetings.

With no additional public comment, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm seconded by Mr. Doheny.

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