

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

**November 6, 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. There being no additional questions Mr. Freda proceeded with the approval of the minutes. Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 2, 2014. Miss Buemi 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 October 20, 2014 with an amendment to correct a typographical error. Miss Buemi seconded the motion with the amendment to the minutes.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda explained that there was an important topic on the agenda pertaining to Covanta and he would like to proceed with the resolutions and then provide his overview.

Mr. Freda then provided a brief overview of the Town's relationship with Covanta and some background on subject. He advised that there is an amendment to the original agreement entered into in December of 2008 and we along with several other towns – Wallingford, Meriden, Hamden and Cheshire are part of a consortium that utilizes Covanta to dispose our trash in Wallingford. Over the past many months the towns have been meeting to discuss an amendment that would allow moving the Wallingford facility from a burn facility to a transfer station. The Board then proceeded with a summary of the contract amendments. Mr. Freda then introduced Mr. Tom Lyons, VP of Covanta in Morristown, NJ and the Selectmen asked him several questions. Mr. Freda then motioned to allow questions from the public. Motion passed and several members of the public, Marion Brody and Richard LoPresti asked questions of Mr. Lyons. After all questions were answered, Miss Buemi proceeded with reading the following resolution for consideration:

RESOLVED: WHEREAS the Town of North Haven ("Town") entered into a Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement, dated December 17, 2008 ("Agreement") with Covanta Projects of Wallingford, L.P.; ("Covanta"); Whereas, the Town and Covanta amended the Agreement by executing a First Amendment to the Agreement, dated February 1, 2012; WHEREAS, the Town and Covanta desire to enter into a Second Amendment to the Agreement, to (1) permit Covanta to operate the facility located at 530 Cherry Street, Wallingford, Connecticut as a transfer station and have Acceptable Solid Waste disposed of at another licensed facility, (2) provide for an aggregate Annual Minimum Commitment with a remedy for a shortfall limited to the right of Covanta to terminate the Agreement, (3) permit the Town or Covanta to terminate the Disposal Agreement in the event that the annual or aggregate disposal costs attributable to one or more change-in-law and/or events of force majeure, as defined in the Agreement, as amended, exceed or are reasonably likely to exceed the monetary thresholds set forth in the Agreement, as amended, and (4) make other miscellaneous changes as expressly set forth in the proposed Second Amendment. It is hereby resolved that the proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement is hereby approved and the Town's Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town Meeting approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement and the Town Clerk to execute the Town Clerk Certificate.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded approval of the resolution.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny read the following resolution into the record:  
RESOLVED, that a Special meeting of the Town Meeting of the Town of North Haven is hereby warned for Tuesday, November 18, 2014 to be held at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded approval of the resolution.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi read the following resolution for consideration:  
RESOLVED: Whereas, the Town recorded a Welfare Lien, dated March 19, 1976, in Volume 288 at Page 493 of the Town's land records (the "Lien") against the property located at 110 Bailey Road ("Subject Property"). Whereas, no debt remains due and owing to the Town from the recipients of the welfare relief that is the subject of the Lien but the Lien continues to encumber the Subject Property. It is hereby resolved that the Town release the Lien by causing a Release of Welfare Lien to be executed by the members of the Town's Board of Selectmen and that said executed Release of Lien be recorded upon the Town's land records.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the resolution.  
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny read the following resolution for consideration:

RESOLVED: The Town of North Haven authorize the online auction of a surplus Fire Department vehicle with Govdeals.com at a cost of 5% of the accepted selling fee. All revenue received will return to the Town of North Haven's General Fund. At present, there is one fire department vehicle leaving the fleet and available for auction. The vehicle is identified as a 1991 Pierce Dash. First Selectman Michael J. Freda and Fire Department Chief Vincent Landisio have set a reserve of \$2,500.00 for the vehicle. If the reserve is not met, the Town may have the option to utilize an alternate auction service with the same reserve.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the resolution.

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

Miss Buemi read the following resolution for consideration:

RESOLVED, that the Town of North Haven may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (formerly the Department 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 Town of North Haven 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, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the resolution.

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

Following the resolutions, Mr. Freda provided a brief PowerPoint overview of operational, financial and economic development topics in Town.

Miss Buemi motioned the reappointment of Mary S. Mahon (D) – 130 Ezra Street, to the Conservation Commission for a four (4) year term to expire on August 31, 2018. Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment.

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

Miss Buemi motioned the appointment of Gerri Giordano (U) – 36 Carina Road, to the Conservation Commission to for a four (4) year term to expire on August 31, 2018. Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment.

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

The selectmen engaged in a brief discussion regarding the release of several bonds pertaining to Upjohn. It was explained that there is sufficient coverage from a remaining bond and a federal EPA bond in the amount of \$150,000,000. Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following bonds on the agenda.

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

- #P06-07 – 52-58 Washington Avenue- Proposed Medical Offices release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$55,000.00 with the recommendation of

the Planning & Zoning Commission.

- #B99-6 – 311 Washington Avenue – Enterprise Rent A Car & Ferraro’s Painting, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$8,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- #P88-74- 440 Sackett Point Road - The Upjohn Company, release the entire bond balance \$50,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approval of Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the following bond:

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

- #P03-17 – 41 Stiles Lane – Pharmacia & Upjohn Company release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approval of Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following bond:

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

- #P03-44 - 41 Stiles Lane – Pharmacia & Upjohn Company release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approval of Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the following bond:

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

- #P06-57 – 41 Stiles Lane – Pharmacia & Upjohn company release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$375,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approval of Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following bond:

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

- #P11-11 – 41 Stiles Lane – Pharmacia & Upjohn Company release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approval of Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer.

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

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

- A-Z Rental c/o Charles Spinaci – 631 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$201.48.
- Cab East LLC – Box 105704, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$231.26.
- Cain, Thomas or Barbara – 6 Nancy Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$75.47.
- Daimler Trust – Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of \$84.44, and in the amount of \$402.11, and in the amount of \$180.60, and in the amount of \$268.08, and in the amount of \$357.60, and in the amount of \$59.96, and in the amount of \$1,086.88.
- Honda Lease Trust – 600 Kelley Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681 in the amount of \$479.06, and in the amount of \$361.57, and in the amount of \$432.10.
- Interactive Marketing Co. – 399 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$75.97.
- Lee, Joonmo – 182 Rock Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$77.28.
- MacDonald, Scott – 2028 Hartford Tpke, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$194.70
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of \$281.00, and in the amount of \$306.63, and in the amount of \$375.64, and in the amount of \$312.51, and in the amount of \$251.33.
- Peterson, D L Trust – 940 Ridgebrook Road, Sparks MD 21152 in the amount of \$70.68
- Tondalo, Joseph or John – 67 Sackett Point Road in the amount of \$84.30.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, cautioned the public about locking your vehicles and being alert that many cars have garage door openers and that can provide thieves access into your home. Mr. Katz also inquired about the Quinnipiac agreement with Hamden to voluntarily give them funds in lieu of taxes. He stated that he hoped if we did enter into such an agreement that the money go into the general fund. Mr. Freda stated we did just get an initial payment from Quinnipiac and we will also be entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Quinnipiac paying us 40% of the PILOT received from the state. The discussion continued in further detail. Mr. Katz inquired about a dollar amount of savings regarding the solar program with the WPCA. Mr. Freda stated it has not been completed yet. Mr. Katz inquired about the senior and veterans tax discounts. Mr. Freda explained that there will be a presentation for the public to approve for a senior tax freeze and veteran exemption prior to the budget referendum. They continued the discussion. Mr. Katz asked if the town paid any money for the Today in America segment. Mr. Freda explained we did pay a production cost. Mr. Katz asked if any businesses have yet to apply for the new

tax incentive program. Mr. Freda stated Cinemark, but we have had an increased interest. Mr. Doheny asked if CT. Container could qualify. Mr. Freda stated yes.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, thinks that the train station will be well received by local business and residents as well as those from other towns like Hamden and Cheshire. Mr. Heeran asked about work being done on property near Covidien. Mr. Freda explained it was on private property.

Mr. Raymond Sonazzaro, Elm Street, had several comments regarding the political and governmental system.

Mr. Michael Muryrn, Greenfield Lane, thanked Mr. Freda for helping him.

Mr. Frank Contento, Hartford Turnpike, inquired about changing the leaf schedule on a rotation basis. He also inquired about contamination on the former Pratt & Whitney site. Mr. Freda stated that United Technologies was responsible for cleaning that contamination. He then addressed Ms. Buemi with regard to one of her columns.

Mr. Heeran commented on the leaf schedule.

There being no additional public comment, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn at 8:47 pm seconded by Mr. Doheny.

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