

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:01 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Sally Buemi. Following the recitation the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda.

John Heeran, Debra Lane, asked in regard to the reappointment of Todd Ricci to which commission Mr. Ricci would be reappointed. Mr. Freda informed Mr. Heeran that Mr. Ricci was to be reappointed to the Cemetery Commission and that the Board of Selectman would later be making a motion to modify the agenda.

Gary Amato, Pool Road, questioned in regard to the Middle School Building Committee update whether there would be any opportunity for public comment or questions. Mr. Freda said the public could ask questions following the update.

Moving on to the next item of business, Miss Buemi motioned for the approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting on May 7, 2015; Mr. Doheny seconded the motion

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded for the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting from May 28, 2015.

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

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda proceeded with his Selectman's Overview. During his update, Mr. Freda shared operational updates, economic development topics, upcoming community events, as well as reminded residents of the upcoming referendum to be held on June 16, 2015.

Following Mr. Freda's overview, Miss Buemi began a discussion regarding the post-referendum budgetary process. Miss Buemi shared her concerns with the expedited cuts made to the budget following the initial rejected budget. Miss Buemi would like to entertain the idea of moving up the first referendum three or four weeks in advance. Under this notion, Miss Buemi believes that should an initial budget be voted down in a referendum, the Town would have more time to hear public input and modify the budget. Mr. Freda said the idea could be looked into for future years, but reminded the residents that the Board of Finance has been elected by the public to determine the budget and make necessary cuts.

Following the discussion, Mr. Freda welcomed Gary Johns, Chairman of the Middle School Building Committee, and Attorney Jeff Donofrio, the leading construction attorney in Connecticut for an update on the Middle School Building Committee. Mr. Johns shared that we have started receiving bids on the project: the first set began two weeks ago, a second occurred last week, and there will be one more package. Mr. Johns said once the bids are received, the bid reviewing process is a very long process because the Construction Manager looks for the lowest, most qualified, and financially stable bidder. Mr. Johns then discussed the notwithstanding legislation. Although the legislation did not make the State legislative session's midnight deadline, Mr. Johns has received full confidence from Representative Yaccarino that the legislation will be included in the Special Session to be held in July and will be approved. The bill includes projects from approximately twenty other towns, so there is confidence that it will pass during the Special Session.

Mr. Donofrio then shared the process of the Middle School project, and what the residents can expect. Mr. Donofrio began to explain the pending legislation itself. The legislation consists of a two-fold process, the categorization of the construction project and how will the Town pay for the project. Mr. Donofrio shared that the reimbursement rate of 39.64 percent is the same regardless of project category type. The project type itself, whether it be a renovation or new project, determines for what a Town can get reimbursed. Mr. Donofrio explained that some parts of a construction project are eligible for reimbursement, while some are ineligible. The next step in the process is to award trade contracts.

Following the update, Mr. Freda opened the floor to public comment relative to the Middle School Building Committee Update. Mr. Katz, Sherwood Drive, asked approximately how much of the expense will be refundable. Mr. Donofrio explained that because the bids have not been reviewed and finalized yet, a portion of refunds cannot be determined. Mr. Amato, Pool Road, shared his concerns with inserting solar panels on the roof. Mr. Johns said the solar panels were still in discussion among the committee members. Mr. Amato and Mr. Donofrio then had a discussion regarding the reimbursement rate, during

which Mr. Donofrio reiterated to Mr. Amato that the reimbursement rate has been determined at 39.64 percent. Mr. Warren, Charles Court, asked how much the project would cost. Mr. Donofrio explained that it's difficult to determine an exact cost of the project, because of the variance between hard, soft, and financing cost.

Miss Buemi then read the following resolution. Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the motion to approve the resolution.

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

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, 1997 F-450 with an ambulance body. The Director of Finance, Edward Swinkoski, is authorized to determine acceptable bid offers.

Mr. Doheny read the call for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 5:15 pm in the Conference Room # 1 (second floor) of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut concerning programs to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. The Town has received one application entitled The Moriarty Hall Energy Conservation Improvements Program submitted by Lancraft Fife and Drum Corps. A complete description of the program is on file in the office of Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the motion to approve the call.

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

Miss Buemi read the call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room # 1 (second floor) of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut for the following purposes:

1. To consider the approval of requested programs in accordance with the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. A public hearing on these programs will be held at 5:15 pm on Monday, June 22, 2015 in the Conference Room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut, immediately preceding the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded to approve the call for the Special Town Meeting.

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

Mr. Doheny read the following dates of the 2016 Board of Selectmen's meetings: The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The meetings will be in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, at 7:00 pm. Dates as follows: January 7, 2016; February 4, 2016; March 3, 2016; April 7, 2016; May 5, 2016; June 2, 2016; July 7, 2016; August 4, 2016; September 1, 2016; October 6, 2016; November 3, 2016; and December 1, 2016.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded to approve the proposed dates of the 2016 Board of Selectmen's meetings. Mr. Freda stated that the Board would be flexible with the dates of the meeting should a conflict arise.

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

The Board continued with the following reappointments:

Miss Buemi read the reappointment of Rev. Scott Morrow (D), 34 Bassett Road to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment.

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

Miss Buemi read the reappointment of Karl Veith (R) 30 Allendale Drive to the Cemetery Commission, for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned to amend the agenda to reflect the reappointment Todd Ricci (R), 27 Fallon Drive to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned to approve the reappointment of Todd Ricci (R), 27 Fallon Drive to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Freda progressed the meeting to the next item of business to approve the following Bond Releases as presented. Miss Buemi recused herself from voting for approval of the bond releases.

Mr. Freda motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following: 19 Peck Street – 19 Peck Street LLC - release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$4,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

Mr. Doheny read and Mr. Freda motioned the approval of the following bond release: 528 Washington Avenue – Antonio’s Restaurant – c/p Antonio Occhibove – release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

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

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

- Buhl, Lawrence – 26 Cromwell Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$456.76
- Cab East LLC, Ford Credit Personal Property Tax – PO Box 67000, Department #231601, Detroit, MI 48267-2316 in the amount of \$108.27
- Daimler Trust – Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of \$241.52
- Minicucci, Anthony and Pamela – 96 Blakeslee Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$500.00
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of \$84.30, and in the amount of \$36.55, and in the amount of \$36.55, and in the amount of \$36.55, and in the amount of \$36.55
- Nissan Motor Acceptance – Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of \$22.14, and in the amount of \$66.24
- Ryder Truck Rental, LLC – 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114 in the amount of \$415.91, and in the amount of \$415.91, and in the amount of \$346.19, and in the amount of \$346.19, and in the amount of \$173.09, and in the amount of \$75.05, and in the amount of \$85.26, and in the amount of \$292.01, and in the amount of \$316.97, and in the amount of \$75.05, and in the amount of \$104.82, and in the amount of \$493.19, and in the amount of \$230.48, and in the amount of \$163.77, and in the amount of \$950.90, and in the amount of \$1,007.53, and in the amount of \$563.54, and in the amount of \$376.96, and in the amount of \$1,007.53, and in the amount of \$915.22, and in the amount of \$286.76, and in the amount of \$132.58, and in the amount of \$80.85
- Tisko, Alfred III – 165 Fountain Street A-3, New Haven, CT 06515 in the amount of \$395.37
- USB Leasing LT – 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$284.71
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290-1951 in the amount of \$78.17, and in the amount of \$206.26, and in the amount of \$447.83, and in the amount of \$221.12, and in the amount of \$101.19, and in the amount of

\$288.44, and in the amount of \$662.43, and in the amount of \$225.50, and in the amount of \$231.77, and in the amount of \$77.28, and in the amount of \$170.63, and in the amount of \$201.00, and in the amount of \$86.91, and in the amount of \$268.49, and in the amount of \$721.89, and in the amount of \$295.81, and in the amount of \$454.38, and in the amount of \$385.06

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT

Mr. Freda opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, asked about solar panels at the landfill. Mr. Freda explained that it was under construction and has been delayed. Mr. Heeran then encouraged all residents to vote at the upcoming referendum.

Mr. Sherman Katz expressed that he believed it was very important for the elected Board of Finance to adhere to public opinion. Mr. Katz stated that he believes in the importance of making the “right” budget cuts.

Mr. Gary Amato had a series of suggestions and questions for the Board of Selectmen, including cuts made to the revised budget. Following some discussion, Mr. Amato concluded that he believes that more cuts can be made to the budget.

Mr. Bob Burns, Kings Highway, asked once again about the new structure of the Public Works Department. Following some discussion, Mr. Doheny stated that he believes Mr. Freda and Mr. Burns are in a disagreement; and since this topic has been brought up a few times, there is not much more to discuss.

Mr. Gary Amato returned to the microphone to state that at the last Board of Finance meeting, he had suggested including a leaflet in the Advisor encouraging residents to vote.

Mr. Freda asked for additional public comment, hearing none, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn with a second from Mr. Doheny at 8:59 pm.

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