

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

**May 5, 2016**

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The 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself and second selectman, Timothy Doheny and third selectman, Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda asked everyone to join him to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Freda opened up the meeting by recognizing the late Gary Amato. Mr. Amato, who was an active voice for the Town, attending Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Town meetings regularly, had passed over a week ago. Mr. Freda shared that on camera, the two had their disagreements, but was grateful that within the past few months, they had formed an amicable relationship through phone calls and Mr. Freda visiting Mr. Amato frequently. Mr. Freda then reminded everyone that Mr. Amato had given Mr. Freda a gavel as a gift in January. Following Mr. Amato's passing, Mr. Freda decided to memorialize the gavel as a tribute to Mr. Amato, dubbing it as the Gary Amato Gavel to be used at future Board of Selectmen meetings. Mr. Freda then asked for a moment of silence in Mr. Amato's memory.

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 7, 2016.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the minutes from the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 26, 2016.

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

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda introduced Mr. Stanley Sosensky to the meeting. Mr. Sosensky was recognized in conjunction with Holocaust Remembrance Day as a Holocaust survivor. Mr. Freda gave a heartfelt presentation describing Mr. Sosensky's life; from his struggles of escaping Nazis, to his seemingly normal life as a productive citizen in North Haven. Following Mr. Freda's

presentation, and issuance of the proclamation in Mr. Sosenky's honor, Mr. Sosenky's son, Steven Sosensky said a few words on behalf of the Sosensky family and thanked the Town for the proclamation. Mr. Steven Sosensky then invited his father and Mr. Freda to light two candles and recite a prayer to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Mr. Freda then welcomed Mr. Chris Fagan to the meeting to provide a presentation to remind everyone of the importance of keeping storm drains clean and clear of carcinogens. Mr. Fagan proceeded to provide a detailed presentation explaining the risks of dumping waste and in particular, pesticides which run off from lawn applications into storm drains. Following Mr. Fagan's presentation, he answered some questions from the audience. Mr. Freda suggested uploading Mr. Fagan's presentation to the Town website. Miss Buemi recommended that this should be discussed every spring to remind residents.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the resignation Dot Logan, 2065 Hartford Turnpike, as the Consumer Representative to the Regional Mental Health Board (Catchment Area Council 8) with her term to expire May 31, 2016.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the resignation of William Brown (U), 92 Upper State Street, from the Board of Ethics effectively immediately.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the appointment of Thomas Wydra (U), 14 Katie Lane, from an alternate to a full member to the Board of Ethics to fill the unexpired term of William Brown, terminating December 31, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment of Robin Wilson (R), 45 Summer Lane as an alternate to the Board of Ethics to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Wydra, terminating December 31, 2018.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Ms. Buemi seconded the approval of the following Property Tax Refunds:

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

- Acar Leasing LTD – 4001 Embarcadero Drive, Arlington, TX, 76014 in the amount of \$196.38.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then opened the meeting to public comment.

Irene Salman, Drazen Drive, shared that she found it ironic that some people are giving Gary respect in death that was not given to him in life and they should be ashamed of themselves. Mr. Freda responded that he found that to be a disgraceful comment and asked the audience if anyone agreed: no one agreed with Ms. Salman's comment.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, asked Mr. Freda some questions regarding the budget and state funding. Mr. Freda shared that the state budget still has not been passed; making it ambiguous how much money municipalities will get from the state. Mr. Freda and Mr. Katz then engaged in a hypothetical discussion regarding North Haven's budget, and possible consequences of not getting funding from the state. Miss Buemi expressed her opinion that her sources are telling her that we may very well get the funding from the State. Mr. Freda feels that we need to deal with the budget in the present and what we know right now. There was then more discussion between the Board and the members of the public regarding the budget.

Richard Prunier, Cindy Lane, shared that he had discussed problems with the roads in a previous meeting; he came to tonight's meeting to express that he was glad to see that the roads have been cleaned up. Mr. Prunier then thanked Mr. Freda and other Town personnel for addressing his issue with some trees on Cindy Lane.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any other public comments, hearing none, Ms. Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.  
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes