MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 2, 2016

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.

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 5, 2016.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda introduced Leslie Balch, the Director of the Quinnipiack Valley Health District. Ms. Balch introduced herself and explained that the QVHD serves Hamden, North Haven, Bethany and Woodbridge. She went on to explain that the QVHD in in the process of conducting its first formal community health assessment. They are hoping to reach out to and involve a coalition of people to include leaders and community members working together to create a healthy community. She asked for everyone's assistance in the process by completing the QVHD survey. She outlined the process which began with finding the purpose, then collecting and analyzing data, identifying community assets and finally selecting realistic priorities. She reiterated the importance of community participation and requested that everyone complete the online survey and encourage their friends and family to do the same.

Mr. Freda thanked Ms. Balch for her presentation. Ms. Buemi asked Ms. Balch if QVHD had a position on synthetic turf fields. Ms. Balch stated that she would prefer to wait for the full science to come in, she doesn't think we will see changes but it would be unfortunate to spend the time and money now to find it's been a mistake. To date the literature is being reviewed by scientists and they have not found a problem but because it is being reviewed now at the federal level its best to wait for that.

Mr. Freda gave a brief update on his Selectman's overview, he stated that on May 27th, the State passed a bonding package and the Town will receive the $1.4 million for the 2015-2016 budget. We are still uncertain on the $1.4 million in the 2016-2017 budget. There will be another bonding meeting in July and a decision will be made at that time. Mr. Freda went on to describe the process at the State. He explained that in order for us to get the funding, the State has to borrow. He also explained that the funding in the past was through what was referred to as MM&E (manufacturing, machinery and equipment) and we used to receive a significant amount of money. Approximately 3 years ago the State discontinued the MM&E and decided to go to a bonding package. It is possible that if the State continues to have problems they may no longer be able to bond for this money. There is a lot of uncertainty. Mr. Freda stated that the $1.4 million, when received, will allow us to balance the budget or perhaps end up with a small surplus. If that is the case it will go into the rainy day fund. Mr. Freda feels we need to keep that fund balance strong because of the uncertainty with the State.

Mr. Doheny inquired about the ECS funding. Mr. Freda explained it is more than what was figured in the budget. Miss Buemi stated it was approximately $680,000 more. The Board continued to discuss the ECS funding and the budget. Miss Buemi felt that during the course of the past several months there should have been mention of the $800,000 of reserve MRSA money. She felt the gloom and doom that was portrayed was unnecessary. Mr. Freda explained that he feels it is gloom and doom on the State level and he has an obligation to present the worst case scenario to our residents. He went on to describe the financial problems at the state level. Mr. Doheny commented that Connecticut has the highest bonding per capita in the country. He also felt that decisions were made with the best information that we had that time. The discussion continued among the selectmen. Miss Buemi asked if because we were given approximately $700,000 more in ECS money, the Town will be giving less to the BOE, and what will happen to that money. Mr. Freda agreed and stated we can't give them more, because the budget passed, but would have to check into it. The Board discussed the matter further, with Miss Buemi concluding that in light of the increase in ECS funding she feels it's unfortunate that we missed the opportunity to provide our residents with some tax relief.

Miss Buemi commented that when she brought up the Town cemeteries a few months ago she was concerned with the stones that were down on the cemetery on the Green and now that the concerts were starting she was hoping that some progress could be made in caring for the stones. Mr. Freda stated he was not aware of the status of the Cemetery Commission's plan to address that issue. Mr. Freda did comment that he spoke with Carl Veith regarding an update on the Elm Street Cemetery, we took a lot of older trees out that were overgrown on the stones and graves and cleaned up the area and planted some new trees. Miss Buemi stated that she would follow up with the Cemetery Commission regarding the status of the Ancient Cemetery repairs and will report back.

Miss Buemi then brought up her final item for discussion regarding the upcoming anniversary of the September 11th tragedy. She would like to see the Town support having a formal recognition event to honor all of those that were lost that day. She suggested forming a committee with herself and Valerie Goodkin as co-chairs, with the possibility of several other volunteers. Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny agreed with Miss Buemi. Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Lynn Fredricksen (R) 95 Pool Road to the Cemetery Commission, for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2018.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of James Redman (D) 47 Pool Road to the Cemetery Commission, for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2018.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Pamela Trepanier (R) 265 Bassett Road to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2018.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of James Iovieno (R) 600 Washington Avenue, Unit F4 to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2018.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the appointment of Champak M. Shah, 10 Manomet Avenue to the Clean Energy Task Force.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Anthony Rescigno, 7 Beach Lane, as North Haven's representative to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District's Representative Policy Board (RPB) for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2019.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

The Board discussed the proposed resolution to adopt a superseding Building Permit Fee Schedule to include a fee for plan review by the Fire Marshal. Mr. Freda explained that we are currently not charging a fee to do this service by the Fire Marshal and other towns do. This would be an opportunity for incremental revenue for the Town. Attorney Coppola approached the Board and reviewed the additional charges identified as plan review by Fire Marshal at $8.00 per $1,000 of value rounded up. Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt a superseding Building Permit Fee Schedule to include a fee for plan review by the Fire Marshal.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

The Board then discussed the next item regarding the recommendation that the Town Meeting adopt a Land Use Application Fees Ordinance at Chapter 135 of the Ordinances. Attorney Coppola what we are adding to the building permit fees and also zoning permit fees for the processing of applications to our land use authorities. After the Board discussed the issue, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt a Land Use Application Fees Ordinance at Chapter 135 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to establish a schedule of fees for the processing of applications received by the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands Commission, and/or the Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the call for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 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.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 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 20, 2016 in the Conference Room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut, immediately preceding the Special Town Meeting.

2. To ratify and approve the re-appointment of Anthony P. Rescigno as the North Haven representative to the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Water District.

3. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Department, and the Building Department to adopt a superseding Building Permit Fee Schedule to include a fee for plan review by the Fire Marshal.

4. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to adopt a Land Use Application Fees Ordinance at Chapter 135 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to establish a schedule of fees for the processing of applications received by the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands Commission, and/or Zoning/Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the dates for the 2017 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. The dates are as followed: January 5, 2017; February 2, 2017; March 2, 2017; April 6, 2017; May 4, 2017; June 1, 2017; July 6, 2017; August 3, 2017; September 7, 2017; October 5, 2017; November 2, 2017; and December 7, 2017.
Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

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

- Daimler Trust – Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of $582.99, and in the amount of $292.62.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of $174.76, and in the amount of $158.02.
- Ryder Truck Rental LT – 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114 in the amount of $104.30, and in the amount of $117.15, and in the amount of $117.15, and in the amount of $66.90, and in the amount of $56.10, and in the amount of $1,045.70, and in the amount of $79.58, and in the amount of $159.72, and in the amount of $127.57, and in the amount of $159.72, and in the amount of $31.80, and in the amount of $191.53, and in the amount of $353.42, and in the amount of $65.13, and in the amount of $162.05, and in the amount of $50.22.
- Wheels LT – 666 Garland Place, Des Plaines, IL 60016 in the amount of $167.69.

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

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, July 7, 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.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, stated that when he went to vote on the budget he met with someone from the Montowese Volunteer Fire Department and he asked them if they received the second check. Mr. Freda explained that he just met with the volunteer fire captains and the second check in the amount of $5,000 is going out next week. He stated that the meeting resolved an ambiguous issue. Mr. Heeran explained the money was in lieu of paper drives that were used in the past, but no longer done to generate revenue. Mr. Freda that was explained in the meeting and it has all been resolved.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any other public comments, hearing none, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.
Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes