

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015**

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512

Public hearing called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chairman Robert Sand. Vice-Chairman Sand explained due to the Mayor's absence from the Town of East Haven, Chairman Fred Parlato would not be able to chair the meeting due to the fact Chairman Parlato was acting Mayor, per Town Charter. Vice-Chairman Sand for the public hearing and regular meeting following public hearing would be fulfilling the duties as Acting Chairman and Town Council Member, William Richardson, would be fulfilling the duties as Acting Vice-Chairman.

Item #1 – Roll Call of Town Council Hearing Committee

13 Town Council Members present

2 Town Council Members absent (Council Members Parlato and DePalma were not in attendance)

Item #2 – Public Hearing #1- An Ordinance Reallocating \$62,000.00 dollars of Capital Funds from Capital Accounts #81-3 Et. Seq. and 85-3 Et. Seq. for Roof Replacement at the Foxon Recreation Center.

Acct. #96-1-060 (Foxon Recreation Center - Roof Replacement)

To:	For:	
96-1-060	Foxon Recreation - Roof Replacement	\$62,000.00
TOTAL		\$62,000.00
From:		
81-3-009-14	Fire House Study	\$9,000.00
81-3-009-23	Police Station Study	\$13,000.00
85-3-500-03	Bradley Street Ind. Park	\$40,000.00
TOTAL		\$62,000.00

Reason: Reallocation of unspent capital funds for replacement of the roof at the Foxon Recreation Center.

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance Reallocating \$62,000.00 dollars of Capital Funds from Capital Accounts #81-3 Et. Seq. and 85-3 Et. Seq. for Roof Replacement at the Foxon Recreation Center

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve both transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year and reallocations of previous bond authorizations;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on October 21, 2015, approved and recommended the following transfers/bond reauthorizations to the Town Council:

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Reason: Reallocation of unspent capital funds for replacement of the roof at the Foxon Recreation Center.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfers/bond reauthorizations are approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by: Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk

Date: _____

Approved by: Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor
 Received by: Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk

Date: _____
 Date: _____

Acting Chairman Sand asked Mr. Rizza, Town of East Haven Finance Director, to explain this transfer. Mr. Rizza stated the previous Town Council approved the continuation of this project, and had asked that a bid spec be sent out. Mr. Rizza stated the bid has been awarded contingent on the approval of this transfer, and company is ready to start work once approval has been given. Mr. Rizza stated all the monies being used are from previous Capital Improvement Funds which have remained unspent. Account #s 81 are from Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Projects, and Account # 85 is from Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Projects. For Fiscal Year 2009-2010, Mr. Rizza explained all monies were not spent on projects, and for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Mr. Rizza explained the feasibility study for an industrial park on Bradley Street never came to fruition. Mr. Rizza also stated, the monies from Fiscal Year 2009-2010 have been left dormant all these years, and this transfer does not increase the Town's debt because money was previously authorized.

Acting Chairman Sand asked if there was any comment from the public, there was not any at the time.

Acting Chairman Sand brought the Ordinance to the Town Council Hearing Committee for discussion. Councilman Palladino asked Mr. Rizza what company was awarded the bid. Town Attorney Joseph Zullo stepped in to advise Mr. Rizza to not answer that question due to the fact the bid had not been officially awarded. Mr. Zullo stated since the bid had not been officially awarded, this is deemed an exemption to the State of Connecticut FOI Statutes. Mr. Zullo went on to further say if the name of company was revealed at this point and something were to happen causing a re-bidding of project, it would cause undue damage to the company awarded the bid because other companies would have upper hand for they would know the bid award when pricing it for the re-bidding process. Mr. Palladino pressed the issue stating before the bid was awarded; the Town Council should know the name of the company. Mr. Zullo stated if Mr. Palladino is so adamant about knowing the name of the company, a motion can be made to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter. Mr. Palladino stated this is what he would like to do.

Acting Chairman Sand asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Acting Chairman Sand asked for Town Attorney Zullo and Finance Director Rizza to be included in the Executive Session.

Councilman Palladino made a motion to go into Executive Session, Councilman Butler III seconded the motion, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

The East Haven Town Council went into Executive Session at 7:10 PM.

Acting Chairman Sand called the public hearing back into session at 7:15 PM; he stated all questions from the Town Council were answered.

Acting Chairman Sand asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.
Councilman McKay made a motion to adjourn public hearing, Councilman Spaduzzi seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

Acting Chairman Sand asked for a motion to have the Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommend action on Public Hearing #1.
Councilman Santino made a motion to have the Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommend action on Public Hearing #1, Councilman Palladino seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

Acting Chairman Sand asked for a motion to adjourn Hearing Committee.
Councilman Santino made motion to adjourn Hearing Committee, Councilman Spaduzzi seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Gravino, CCTC, East Haven Town Clerk