

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

*Sally Quinn, CTC*

TOWN CLERK

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:43PM

**Item #1**

Roll Call – 13 present – 2 absent (Palladino and Richardson).  
A quorum is present.

Chairman Parlato asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Ben Mazzucco who passed away, a true representative of East Haven who sat on this Council, was very active with the Foxon Rec. League and the Rotary Club; he did a lot for the Town over a long period of time and he is going to be greatly missed.

Mr. Parlato states that at the last Council meeting he made comments about things that were done by the Rotary Club and he was not aware of the fact that they have another distinguished member of the Council, the President of the Lion's Club Letizia made him aware that they do quite of bit for the Town as well. He thanks Letizia and the Lion's Club on behalf of the Council.

**Item #2**

Approval of minutes from the January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #3**

Approval of minutes from the January 26, 2016 Special Meeting.

Councilman Ken Mckay makes a motion.

Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #4**

No correspondence.

**Item #5**

## Subcommittee Reports-

- Board of Education- Councilman Parente says they have completed their budget they came with a 3.29% increase which is \$1,549,336 and they will be seeing that budget as soon as the Board of Finance gets done with it. He hopes the people sitting on this Council remember last year when they came before them. They gave them pretty stern marching orders they didn't care about brick and mortar because that is cosmetic; they cared about scores and what was going on in the system. He hopes this year when they sit before them again it is not going to be for anything except what they asked of them for the past year. When they come through with their synopsis of the last year he hopes it is to their satisfaction because they were pretty stern last year. He hopes everyone that was on the Council remembers that.
- Finance-no report
- Housing-no report
- Public Safety-no report
- 200 Tyler Street Blue Ribbon Committee- Councilman Mckay says the public input was during the last two meetings and they had some ideas and thought it should be opened up further. The decision is obviously going to come back to the Town Council; it is going to be a long process. Everyone thinks that once that Blue Ribbon Committee is done that everything is done and there's already a contract on the Mayor's desk to be signed. People that are involved in it know that is not true. Sal is still working on things. This is something they will probably be working on after the budget. Some of the ideas were making it a community center to the tune of \$65,000,000-\$70,000,000 which was the estimate received. The Board of Education obviously doesn't want anything to do with it they already have enough buildings in Town and are looking to close a couple. Another idea was to put Public Works, Police Department, most of the Town Services except for the Fire Department, they wanted to put Town Hall in there also. Then who knows what you do with the old Town Hall at that point, it becomes another building to sell. The final thing was to sell it to a developer and maintain parts of it; a lot of concerns from the people were what is going to happen to the pool, the gym for biddy basketball, where to put the Arts Council, Historical Society and Teen Center. If people came to the meetings they would have heard Sal would make that a priority if they did decide to go that route. Nothing is done; it is going

to take time they have to get through a budget first. He's sure it will be after the budget, which takes a few months. Maybe people can come and attend the budget meetings and see how they diligently work on it, they go through just about every line item.

- o Chairman Parlato says there was at least one member of the Town Council at every public hearing and there were less than 50 people who spoke. He believes the first night it was 18 and the next night might have been 12 or 13 and they pretty much rehashed the same thing over. Unfortunately nobody showed up with a check so it is going to be a very long process.

Councilman Parente makes a motion to waive the reading of the entire Ordinance in Item #6.

Councilman Vincent Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### Item #6

To consider and act upon "An Ordinance Reallocating \$320,380.40 of Capital Funds among Capital Account #94-3 Et. seq. (DOJ)," Account #92-3 Et seq. (Police Capital), and Account # 93-3 Et seq. (Police Plant Upgrades) as follows:

#### Acct. #94-3 Et seq. (DOJ)

<b>To:</b>	<b>For:</b>	
94-3-400-05	TASER Certification & Maint.	\$320,380.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$320,380.40</b>

<b>From:</b>		
94-3-600-01	DOJ Overtime	\$200,000.00
94-1-500-03	DOJ - Comp. Sys. Upgrades	\$8,757.00
94-3-500-06	DOJ - Vehicle Vid. Maint.	\$9,063.00
94-3-500-01	DOJ - Comp. Storage	\$14,950.23
94-3-500-04	DOJ - Comp. and Software	\$99.02
92-3-103-10	Police Vid. and Cam. Equip.	\$215.00
92-3-103-11	Police Plant	\$479.00

	Upgrades	
93-3-113-09	Police In-Car Cameras	\$464.00
94-3-100-01	DOJ - Legal Fees	\$30,000.00
94-3-300-001	DOJ - Tech. Exp. & Consult	\$11,353.15
94-3-700-03	DOJ - Contingency	\$45,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$320,380.40</b>

### AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

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**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance, on January 20, 2016, approved and recommended the following transfers/bond reauthorizations to the Town Council:

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**Reason:** To cover the renegotiated contract with TASER for the next five years to include upgraded equipment for compliance with the DOJ settlement agreement and EHPD policies and procedures.

**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	Date: _____
Received by:	Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date: _____

Councilman Santino makes a motion.  
Councilman Henry Butler III seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Councilman Santino makes a motion to waive the reading of item #7.

Councilman Mckay seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### Item #7

To consider and act upon "An Ordinance Reallocating \$28,963.00 of Capital Funds among Capital Account #85-3 Et. seq. (Public Works Capital Accounts) and Account #86-2-006 (Public Works - SUV) as follows:

<b>Acct. #85-3 Et seq.</b>		
<b>To:</b>	<b>For:</b>	
85-3-200-3	Public Works (Side Cutter)	\$28,963.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$28,963.00</b>

<b>From:</b>		
85-3-200-1	Public Works (Backhoe)	\$25,583.00
85-3-200-2	Public Works (Lawnmowers)	\$2,286.00
86-2-006	Public Works (SUV)	\$3,094.00
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Councilman Parente makes a motion.  
Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.  
Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

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**WHEREAS**, by the recent closing of South Central Regional Communications Center (CMED), municipalities recognize the need to implement a new medical coordination system for the delivery of core services field to hospital patching, mutual aid of emergency medical services units, and mass casualty coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, the closing of CMED has resulted in significant savings to each community and it is necessary to implement and structure a new system that is efficiency and operational to provide the identified core services; and

**WHEREAS**, eight area towns have jointly participated in development of a Medical Coordination System to be called "MEDCOM" and in the development of an Initial implementation Strategy and operations of said program; and

**WHEREAS**, the joint participants in "MEDCOM" have reduced their understanding of the formation and operation of this organization to writing in the form of two documents entitled "Memorandum of Agreement To provide Emergency Medical Coordination Services" and "MEDCOM Constitution and Bylaws;"

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council approves and authorizes Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. or his designee to sign a "Memorandum of Agreement To

provide Emergency Medical Coordination Services" and, if necessary, the "MEDCOM Constitution and Bylaws" along with any other documents necessary to effectuate the same.

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

Councilman McKay makes a motion.

Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.

- Fire Chief Doug Jackson addresses the Council and states that there was a second radio system for medical communication for many years, which was called CMED. This is a replacement for CMED it works a little differently; it is more efficient. Their cost goes from about \$67,000 per year to more in the range of \$22,000-\$23,000. There is quite a significant savings and there are fewer employees, which is possible because duties were reduced for what they were doing. Basically what happens is one of their rescue units goes on the air with their dispatch center, they no longer call central dispatching on their way, it is all done by the CAD systems; the ambulance is ordered automatically through their CAD system going directly to AMR. The patching is what happens when the medic goes into the hospital, either AMR's medic or our medic and utilizes the radio and ambulance to call ahead to the hospital to say what they have. The mass casualty portion is if there was a large emergency such as a bus accident or something along those lines with multiple patients it is to forewarn the hospital and get direction as to where to send each patient. It is a big cost savings and they were involved in the meetings, he represented the Mayor and the Town probably in a dozen meetings over a period of 8 months and they came up with this and had input throughout the entire thing.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Sand asks what other 7 Towns are involved.
- Chief Jackson lists New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, West Haven, Woodbridge, Orange and Hamden.
- Councilman Sand says AMR is over on Middletown Ave, where is MEDCOM?
- Chief Jackson says they are located in a portion of their dispatch center. They ended up hiring AMR on a 1-year contract to be the vendor. They took bids and proposals from Northwestern Communications and Southwestern Communications out of Bridgeport and AMR turned out to be the most cost effective. With the short time frame they had to work with, this was the only way to implement in such a short time frame, they are tied in with all the communications there is a lot of phone line stuff to work out, this was an easy solution.
- Councilman Sand says being that it made sense when they were in AMR using their headquarters and the equipment that handles the switching and



communicating, did MEDCOM as an organization buy any of the equipment from CMED?

- Chief Jackson said CMED didn't have too much; it was pretty dated. That was part of the problem they needed a major equipment upgrade, which would require a lot of funding from all of the Towns. It was time to move forward, it was either completely rebuild CMED and all of their equipment, this was the easier way.
- Councilman Butler III asks if they will have the radios in the emergency vehicles to communicate with the hospital? They won't go through CMED's dispatch to communicate with the hospital; they will talk directly?
- Chief Jackson says the system works pretty much the same as before, there is a radio in the hospital, you ask MEDCOM for a channel and they do the patching, the Town owns all of the radios in their vehicles. One of the major difference right now is it is a little more streamlined. They no longer ask CMED to relay messages to the incoming transport unit, they have a channel set up now they talk directly to the AMR unit to have them bring up the stretcher, etc. It is more direct and a little bit quicker.
- Chairman Parlato asks if the Chief is comfortable with this agreement and if it serves the purpose they need. Looking at the difference in the price range, it is close to 1/3 of what they were paying and be able to maintain the same service.
- Chief Jackson says yes, and the service is the same. There is also a per-capita that they used to give CMED, which will now be directed to this organization as our vendor, right now it is \$8,700 per year for the Town of East Haven. It is State funds that they direct to the vendor.
- Chairman Anania asks if CMED is a line item in the Chief's budget? There will be a savings now.
- Chief Jackson says yes, it is 01-3340-887 and there is going to be a savings, they bought a couple of radios but other than that there should be money left.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### Item #9

To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide the following tax refund:

**Honda Lease Trust**  
600 Kelly Way  
Holyoke MA 01040

**Acct./List:** 2014-03-60069 E/S 27077  
**Reason:** Vehicle sold 10/14.

**TOTAL: \$558.38**

**A Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$558.38 to Honda Lease Trust**

**WHEREAS**, C.G.S. Section 12-129 provides that a local board of selectmen, or its equivalent, may, upon recommendation and certification of the Tax Collector, issue a refund for tax overpayments;

**AND, WHEREAS**, the following entity or person has requested a refund for the following overpayment:

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600 Kelly Way  
Holyoke MA 01040

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**Reason:** Vehicle sold 10/14.

**TOTAL: \$558.38**

**AND, WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, via backup paperwork submitted to this Council, has recommended and certified the accuracy of this refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said refund is approved and the tax collector is authorized to effectuate said refund.

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

Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales makes a motion.  
Councilman Spaduzzi seconds the motion.

No public comment.  
No Council comment.  
Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Councilman Spaduzzi makes a motion to waive the reading of all of the dates in item #10.  
Councilman Parente seconds the motion.  
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### **Item #10**

A Resolution making various board and commission appointments.

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**WHEREAS**, numerous board and commission appointments have expired or are vacant at this time;

**AND, WHEREAS**, pursuant to the East Haven Town Charter, the Town Council is designated as the appointing authority to re-appoint individuals to said positions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council hereby appoints the following individuals to the respectively named boards for the terms as set out herein.

Board	Name(s)	Term
Blight Appeals Committee	Karen Martin	3/1/2016-2/28/2019
	Chris Farrell	3/1/2016-2/28/2019
Board of Assessment Appeals	Robert Falcigno	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
	Jean Gagliardi (Alt)	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
Constables	Robert Limoncelli	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Dave Sagnella	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Joan A. Adamczyk	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Joseph Badamo	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Annarose M. Russo	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Andrew Giannelli	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Steve Tracey	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
East Shore Health	Dennis Nastri	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
Ethics, Board of	Marlene Asid	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
Housing Authority	Barbara R. Natarajan	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
Old Cemetery Board	Carmel Antonucci	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
	Barbara Buonome	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
School Building Committee	Joseph Luciano	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
	Judy Sittnick	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
	Anissa Temple Smith	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
Board of Selectmen	Mary Ann Rivera	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Carol Scussel	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
	Carolyn Coady	11/14/2015-11/18/2017
Zoning Board of Appeals	Charles Lang	2/1/2016-1/31/2019
	Donald Thomas	2/1/2014-1/31/2017

Said appointments shall be effective in accordance with the East Haven Town Charter.

Councilman Parente makes a motion.

Councilwoman Susan Archambault seconds the motion.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales says for the people that were picked, were there a bunch of resumes or are these the only people that sent in a resume.
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo states that all the resumes that were in their packet were all the resumes that the Town received. The Town took out an ad in the New Haven Register at quite a significant cost to try this pilot idea out and it only garnered these 4 resumes.

- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales says so the rest of the people being appointed are people that were there and are being reappointed now?
- Attorney Zullo says the majority are re-appointments; a couple of them are new. On the Blight Appeals Committee the new people had a resume, the Board of Assessment Appeals both are re-appointments, The majority of the Constables are re-appointments those are honorary positions anyway they don't have a function anymore in the system of Government we have here, East Short Health is a re-appointment, Ethics is a re-appointment, Housing Authority is a re-appointment, Old Cemetery Board are re-appointments, School Building Committee one is a re-appointment and 2 are new-1 of them submitted a resume the other expressed significant interest and her credentials stand for themselves she is a pillar in the community, Board of Selectman is honorary and Zoning Board of Appeals are re-appointments. For the most part, they have resumes for the new appointments.
- Councilwoman Lettieri-Morales says her question is, she is sure she is a pillar and has nothing against her but if we go back to the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting the resolutions says "we shall require applicants to submit resumes to the attention of the Town Council Administrative Services" so if they make a rule she thinks they should stick with it.
- Attorney Zullo says they satisfied that requirement, it says they "shall require" and they did that, there's nothing saying you can't appoint them afterwards. There is still discretion in those rules to allow for appointments in the normal course of business with the Council. The whole point of the resolution was to create transparency and allow the public to apply but not to back the Council into a corner and not be able to staff these boards. Hypothetically speaking there can be a number of new appointments a year from now where nobody applies and you can have significant vacancies on boards that would allow them to become dysfunctional and unable to function. That wasn't the intent of the Resolution; the intent was to make sure anyone who was interested knew these positions were open. That goal was certainly accomplished; any reader of the New Haven Register could have seen this.
- Chairman Parlato says any member of the Council that has anyone in their constituency that had an interest, it is up to them to bring that and encourage them to submit something. A lot of people who are on here have been on for a while. He sees a lot of names he has seen before, he likes to see a fresh face once in a while that is what keeps us thinking out of the box. It's surprising, nobody wants to join anything anymore, even being here there are very little people in the audience. There are a lot of boards/commissions that they are responsible for and he is going to ask the Chairperson to send a letter because of absenteeism, they take the position and then are never there. Even if there isn't a lot of activity on the board, they are important. Publishing it in the paper they thought may be a stimulus but apparently it wasn't.
- Councilman Santino asks for the Constables why they are doing 2015-2017.
- Attorney Zullo says the terms of the constables run with the terms of the Council, they are not 3 year terms they serve for the period the Council and the Mayor serve so they change with every administration no matter what.

- Councilman Santino says even though they are good until 2017?
- Attorney Zullo says well that is when the next election is.
- Councilman Santino says why are we appointing them when they were put on in 2015?
- Attorney Zullo says that is when their term runs, they were technically up as of 2015 but they were never done, they usually just do them when they do all the normal board appointments.
- Councilman Santino says on the Ethics Board didn't they just put Marlene back on not too long ago?
- Attorney Zullo says she was filling a previously unexpired term, now that term is completely up she is appointed to it for a term of her own assuming this resolution is passed.
- Councilman Santino says they haven't met in months. Can they put a subcommittee person on that, they have items and haven't met in three months.
- Chairman Parlato says from what he has heard the Chairperson of that Board has been contacted because there was a vacancy, now there are three so they can have a meeting.
- Councilman Santino says he wants someone to be on a subcommittee like Public Safety, he will make a motion so they appoint somebody.
- Attorney Zullo says it is not an item on the agenda so it would need to be added but secondarily, the Chairman can assign someone if he wants to but in all honesty, he is pretty confident they are going to be meeting and doing what they have to do. Two of the members have been in contact with him and they are ready to go.
- Chairman Parlato says he will keep him informed.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### Item #11

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

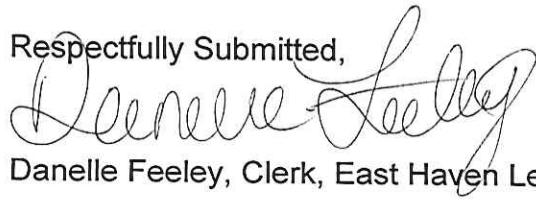
Councilman makes a motion.

Councilman seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

