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**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
Town Council-Regular Meeting
Minutes**

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will only be conducted via videoconference and conference call. Via Zoom in order to transact the following:

Item #1

Chairman Deko called the meeting to order at 7:37

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for all those affected by Covid-19.

Chairman Deko regretfully informed the Council that he has moved out of the district and is resigning his position. In his letter he thanked everyone and stated that it was an honor to serve his community that has given him very fond memories.

Chairman Deko also received a letter of resignation from Zoning Board Appeals member Vincent Lettieri.

Also, a thank you note from Brian and Lea Kalkreuth whose home was destroyed by fire and the community raised \$4k to assist the family.

Roll Call-9 Present 6-Absent (Lesco, Capotorto, Maltese, Pompano, and Ruggiero)

Staff Present: Mayor Joseph Carfora, Stacy Gravino Town Clerk, Michael Luzzi, Town Attorney, Michelle Benivegna Assistant Director of Administration and Management, Jim Keeley Finance Director, Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief, and Charlie Coyle Superintendent PW.

Item #1A

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to accept the March 2021 minutes.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

Voice vote.-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #2

Chairman Deko invited the Director of East Shore Health District, Michael Pascucilla and Michelle Benivegna to give an overview of the data as it relates to Covid-19:

b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

Director of ESHD

- State's data as it relates to the death rate and infections is on the rise, as well as all of New England.
- The towns positivity rate at 5.7%
- The number of cases each month.
- Youth infections are rising.
- The grassroots effort through the town has increased those that are vaccinated and the availability to obtain a vaccine.
- The School Districts are going well; they all reopened in March.
- Starting in April they will be vaccinating those that are age 16+.
- All the data review at this meeting is available on the ESHD website for review.

Michelle Benivegna

- Weekly meetings have taken place since the onset of the pandemic; it has been a unified approach with the BOE, Fire Department, and the Administration to follow CDC regulations.
- The Town Hall employees co-horded.
- FD/PD followed CDC procedures.
- Public Service employees were split into teams.
- In one week they turned the Senior Center into a vaccination clinic with Chief Licata running point on VAMS
- The Mayor's office ran like a doctor's office with a dedicated phone line to set up appointments in 9 clinic locations.
- The Senior Center will soon be back to normal.
- Ultimately, this was a true team effort; Mayor's office, Fire Department, Senior Center, volunteers, and ESHD.

Chairman Deko thanked the staff for a job well done and had a few questions.

Councilwoman Glassman had questions and concerns related to the data.

Vice Chairman Pacelli thanked all involved for a great job.

Councilman Balter asked if there might be a drive thru vaccination site.

Councilwoman Cesare indicated she did not agree with how transmission is categorized as it relates to the reopening of schools.

Councilwoman Hennessey thanked everyone for their hard work while in a difficult position.

Councilwoman Parlato asked what the schedule would be for adolescence and where to obtain a vaccine.

Michelle and Mike

- There will be a hotline open to take the oldest to the youngest.
- Locations for vaccines will be all over town CVS, Fair Haven Health, etc.

Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
Councilwoman Parlato stated the library is planning to open and there are still concerns with Covid-19. *Inaudible*
- c. Finance
Councilman Balter indicated that the minutes were part of the backup information but we will need additional funding for recycling because of the shortfall.
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
Vice Chairman Pacelli indicated that the public service department are working to clean up all the fields and parks. Still cleaning up Michael Street Park. The town and the UI are cleaning up the trees and brush that remain from the summer storms.

- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
No Meetings

Item #3

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion, Be it Resolved that a tax refund of \$22,340.60 to Corelogic, Refund Department, Attn: Tax Services, PO Box 9202, Coppell, Texas for overpayment of taxes as follows:

Account #/Lists:	2019-0-3608	19 Mallard Lane	\$2,854.57
	2019-01-10575	6 Gene Street	\$2,222.14
	2019-01-6899	281 Dodge Avenue	\$1,961.32
	2019-01-7118	419 Foxon Road	\$2,186.35
	2019-01-10855	1447 North High Street	\$2,677.68
	2019-01-4627	21 Pardee Place	\$2,268.71
	2019-01-2602	47 Glenmoor Drive	\$2,736.92
	2019-01-2296	111-2 Cosey Beach Avenue	\$3,055.10
	2019-01-6254	52 Gordon Street	\$2,377.81

REASON: Bank overpayment.

TOTAL: \$22,340.60

Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Anna DelRosso, Tax Collector. She stated that these funds were part of a large wire for 500 parcels. These refunds occur due to overpayment, refinancing, and when a property is sold and the seller and the buyer pay the taxes. As a result, we must do our due diligence to refund.

Roll call vote.-All in favor. None opposed. No abstention.
Motion carried.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion, Be it resolved to provide tax refunds totaling \$31,067.53 to the following taxpayers:

Account #/Lists:	2019-01-2256	266 Cosey Beach Avenue	\$3,289.03
	2019-01-10092	717 Silver Sands Road	\$2,442.54
	2019-018750	294 Tyler Street	\$2,089.94
	2019-01-1745	7 Arthur Court	\$2,396.65
	2019-01-1828	95 Tyler Street	\$2,105.35
	2019-01-7023	17 Leonard Street	\$2,661.06
	2019-01-65	640 Foxon Road	\$8,435.78
	2019-01-2584	50 Redfield Street	\$3,180.29
	2019-01-5662	246 Tyler Street	\$2,024.35
	2019-01-1440	12 Stoddard Road	\$2,442.54

REASON: Bank overpayment.

TOTAL: \$31,067.53

Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Chairman Deko recognized Anna DelRosso, Tax Collector who explained that these are refunds to individual parcels who made overpayments.

Roll call vote.-All in favor. None opposed. No abstention.
Motion carried.

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon setting a public hearing date of May 4, 2021, for an ordinance entitled an "Ordinance Transferring \$231,138.19 To Various Board of Education Accounts, From Various Board of Education Accounts."

To:	90-4-602	District Wide Security	\$30,000.00
	90-4-201	District Wide Fire Alarm	\$26,208.00
	90-4-201	District Wide Fire Alarm	\$65,000.00
	90-4-201	District Wide Fire Alarm	\$90,000.00
	90-4-03	District Wide	\$19,930.19
Total			\$231,138.19
From:	90-4-602	Tuttle Security	\$30,000.00
	90-4-502	Ferrara Fire Alarm	\$26,208.00
	90-4-301	Carbone/Academy Fire Alarm	\$65,000.00
	90-4-201	Melillo-Fire Alarm	\$90,000.00
	90-4-03	Academy Lavatory	\$19,930.19
Total			\$231,138.19

Councilwoman Cesare asked if these are capital funds.
Chairman Deko indicated that they are capital funds.

Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

Roll call vote.-All in favor. None opposed. No abstention.
Motion carried.

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli made the following motion, Be it Resolved that the following transfer: A transfer to Recycling Services Account 01-226-0677 in the amount of \$49,000.00, From the Contingency Account 01-885-0689 in the amount of \$49,000.00.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

Jim Keeley Finance Director indicated that this line item was under budgeted and needs to be increased from \$50K to \$140K.

Roll call vote.-All in favor. None opposed. No abstention.
Motion carried.

Item #7

To consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Council.

Councilwoman Cesare relayed to the Council that the town owns more than half of the land on North High Street, which is the farmer's field. There has been a farmer farming that land without an agreement with the town and she would like to see the land posted with a "No Trespassing" sign to protect the town.

Attorney Luzzi stated that the administration is aware of this situation and it is now under the legal team's authority to resolve.

Councilwoman Parlato believes that the January 2021 minutes were not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Council Clerk