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East Haven Town Council

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following a certain public hearing Via Zoom Videoconference and Conference Call.

Meeting Call to Order 7:31 p.m.

Roll Call-12 Present 3 Absent(Ruggiero, Stacey, and Pompano)

Staff Present: James Keeley Finance Director and Anna Del Rosso Tax Collector.

Item #1

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #2

Correspondence

None

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- c. Finance
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation
- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
- f. Blight

Chairman Deko assigned the subcommittees to the council as follows:

Kimberly Glassman- Education, Library and School Building, Urban Renewal/Housing

Beth Capotorto- Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Ashley Lesco-Blight

Joe Santino- Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Public Services/ Parks and Recreation

Karen Martin- Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Blight

Marianne Cesare- Education, Library and School Building, Blight

Josh Balter- Urban Renewal/Housing, Finance

Sam Parlato- ALL SUBCOMMITTEES

Mike Ginette- Public Services, Park and Recreation, Urban Renewal/Housing

Sue Stacey-Blight, Education, Library and School Building

Ray Pompano- Public Services, Park and Recreation

Al Vollono-Finance, Blight, Public Services/ Park and Recreation

Vice Chair Pacelli and Chairman Deko are on every subcommittee.

Councilwoman Parlato indicated at the Fire Commission the night prior that one of the captains was promoted to battalion chief.

Councilman Balter stated that Recreation Director Liz Franco transferred some funds for the recreation department.

Town Attorney Michael Luzzi gave an update of the rink; all the bids and construction designs have been evaluated; we expect the rink to be ready by September.

The Charter revision process will begin; the process takes about 18 months.

Item #4

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the Creation of an Affordable Housing Plan Advisory Committee" to oversee preparation of the 2022 Town of East Haven Affordable Housing Plan.

Chairman Deko asked for a roll call for any additional questions or comments.

Councilwoman Martin asked if the commission has to be composed of 7 members.

Attorney Luzzi indicated that with more members it gets too cumbersome.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #5

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to Consider and Act Upon a Resolution to provide a tax refund of \$4,325.95 to Rakesh and Jalpa Patel.

Rakesh and Jalpa Patel 151 Hemingway Avenue

Account #/List: 2018-01-0007686

Reason: Duplicate Payment by Owner

Total: \$4,325.95

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Chairman Deko recognized Anna Del Rosso, Tax Collector, who explained that this taxpayer was using the online payment system and inadvertently paid his property tax, which was not his intent. He was attempting to pay his motor vehicle tax. This is the only process to refund the duplicate payment. His property taxes are paid through his mortgage as well, which created the duplicate payment.

Councilman Balter commended Anna for a great job. He further asked if the fee associated with the online payment will be refunded.

Anna Del Rosso indicated that it was the taxpayer's fault and typically those fees are not refunded. Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Roll call vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Approved

Item #6

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Dennis Nastri to the East Shore Health Department Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #7

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Michelle Duprey to the Greater New Haven Transit Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #8

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Wendy Bellmore to the Greater New Haven Transit Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #9

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following motion to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Barbara Natarajan to the Housing Authority Commission for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilman Balter moved to approve the appointment of Barbara Natarajan.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #10

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Barbara Buonome to the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #11

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Marcia Federico to the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #12

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Melanie Johnson to the Old Cemetery Board for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #13

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the re-appointment of Judy Mison to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire January 31, 2025.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #14

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the appointment of Kevin Coyle to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a regular member and to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Ginnetti to expire January 31, 2023.

Councilwoman Martin second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #15

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon the appointment of Mary Sparago to the Board of Constables for a term to expire November 18, 2023.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Approved

Item #16

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Council

Chairman Deko recognized Cynthia Sparago, 42 Caroline Road who addressed the council with data and her concerns with Airbnb operating in town, especially at shoreline residences.

No Action Necessary

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca Town Council Clerk