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## **Town Council Minutes**

The East Haven Town Council held its Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following certain public hearings Via Zoom in order to transact the following:

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Item #1**

Roll call-15 Present-A quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Present-Town Attorney Michael Luzzi, James Keeley Finance Director, Edward Lennon Police Chief, Patrick Tracey Deputy Police Chief, and Matthew Marcarelli Fire Chief.

Chairman Deko read the executive order process for online meetings and then asked for a moment of silence for all those affected by Covid-19 and for all the first responders working during this time.

Councilman Balter remembering Veterans Day thanked veterans for their service and all those active duty for keeping us safe.

### **Item #2**

Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

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

### **Item #3**

Correspondence

Monthly report from the library director.

### **Item #4**

Subcommittee Reports:

#### **a. Education, Library and School Building**

Councilwoman Parlato reported that the BOE is monitoring Covid-19 through the Health Department dashboard; at this time there are 15 students confirmed cases. The dashboard is a quick reference for families to monitor the spread of the virus. November 19th. they are holding a family engagement for online learning. Two senior students are recipients of the 2020 School Council for academic growth and student learning. The Library is still working with a virtual program. The children's program has listed 7 programs with 400 participants. Discussion on opening a portion of the Library and their finances. School Building is still working on the report of the new football field.

#### **b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare**

Councilwoman Parlato reported that the Fire Department continues to work within the Covid-19 guidelines. Battalion Chief James Oca retired after 33 years of service and Chris Rosa was promoted to Battalion Chief and they also hired 6 new firefighters, and they also swore in a new Fire Commissioner. Police department also continues to work under the Covid-19 guidelines, they requested a certified list for

Lieutenant, Sergeant, and police officers. American with Disabilities Act Commission did not have a meeting. The Counseling and Community Center discussed an open position, they are looking for clinicians. Their referral numbers are quite low. Discussion with regard to the population that adolescents are only about 5% of their cases. Chairman Deko added that the last of the vehicles for the Battalion Chief just arrived and is beautiful and outfitted properly, this was purchased through the last Capital Budget.

**c. Finance**

Councilwoman Glassman meeting of October 21, 2020 cancelled.

**d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation**

Vice Chairman Pacelli spoke to Superintendent Coyle and due to the rising cases of Covid-19 public works has again split their staff into two different locations. Mr. Coyle has removed several of the trucks from the road and is upgrading the rolling stock. Due to poor maintenance through past years; truck 17 had a rusted chassis and was taken off the road and truck 98 also had to be taken off the road. The new vector is in and they have paved more roads than in past years. The sand and salt is up to par and they are prepared for any potential storms. Due to the two microburst the town sustained a lot of damage and public works did an amazing job.

**e. Urban Renewal/Housing**

Councilwoman Lesco no meeting took place.

**f. Update for 200 Tyler Street**

Chairman Deko indicated that Winn has done a beautiful job with the front portion of 200 Tyler but the town owns the back portion and to refurbish the back portion properly would take approximately \$14 million, so Mayor Carfora took a step back at the project and met with Winn Development to see if there would be any interest in back portion of the building. They reviewed their business plan and are very interested in the back portion of the building. If it comes to fruition, we will have all the details at that time. There are discussions taking place with the developer Winn and hopefully we have some information soon.

**Item #5**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from various budget accounts to Public Safety \$80,159.00— as follow:

To:	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$49,228.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 2,977.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 2,731.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	\$ 1,012.00
	01-336-0190	Overtime	<u>\$24,211.00</u>
			\$80,159.00
From:	01-336-0110	Regular Salaries	\$49,228.00
	01-336-0350	Prof. Develop.	\$ 2,977.00
	01-336-0520	Office Supplies	\$ 2,731.0
	01-336-0694	Contractual Services	\$ 1,012.00
	01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	<u>\$24,211.00</u>
			\$80,159.00

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

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

No public comments.

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

Motion Carried

**Item #6**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve an ordinance entitled an “Ordinance transferring from Police Regular Salaries to Police Overtime \$102,739.00—as follow:

To: 01-332-0190 Overtime \$102,739.00

From: 01-332-0110 Regular Salaries \$102,739.00

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Councilwoman Hennessey second the motion.

No public comments.

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

Motion Carried

**Item #7**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the 2021 schedule for the Administrative Service Meetings.

Councilman Butler second the motion.

No public comments.

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

Motion Carried

**Item #8**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to approve the 2021 schedule for the Regular Town Council Meetings.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

No public comments.

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

Motion Carried

**Item #9**

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

Councilwoman Hennessey questioned if the Council members of District #4 could be included in some of those meetings regarding 200 Tyler Street and we do understand the confidentiality of those meetings.

Chairman Deko stated it's a good idea to be part of an informal meeting with the Mayor as long as we don't create a quorum.

Councilwoman Glassman respectfully stated we should open up any meetings to the entire council.

Chairman Deko indicated prior to any decision being made it will be brought to the Council in an Executive Session.

Town Attorney Luzzi stated any decision would go through the same process as the front portion of the building. After walking through the building and evaluating the condition of the building we approached Winn Development and then Covid-19 hit. They contacted us about 6 weeks ago for some discussions. They did indicate that certain portions of the building have been carved out as historical, so there are a lot of moving parts to these decisions. Nothing will be done without the knowledge of the council and public input.

Councilwoman Parlato asked if there is an update on Charter Revisions.

Chairman Deko stated that he had a discussion with the Mayor and they will be meeting with those that will be on that revision committee once the public has sent in resumes and are chosen. The funds have been encumbered for the cost of this revision. *Inaudible*.

Chairman Deko recognized Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street stated that the Health Department Covid-19 information on the website is the wrong data, maybe we could get it more updated. Also, is there a way for the public to monitor the budget and the fund balances. Also, we have had a lot of Executive Sessions and that's a lot of lawsuits, so maybe you could do a little blurb in the newspaper as to what is happening. Finally, there is an opening on the Police Commission and she is requesting possibly a person of color or a woman appointed. She also recommends the zoning department should have an enforcement officer and a town planner.

Chairman Deko indicated that the majority of your concerns are administrative and with regard to the executive session they are just that updates to the council.

#### **Item #10**

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to convene in executive session to discuss the status of the pending litigation of The Bluffs, LLC v. Town of East Haven Planning and Zoning Commission (Docket Nos. NNH-CV18-6079780-S and HHB-CV20-6121108-S).

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Executive session began at 7:57 p.m.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:43p.m.

Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

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

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Councilman Santino second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk