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East Haven Town Council Minutes

The East Haven Town Council held its Regularly Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Vice Chairman Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Roll Call- 9 Present 6 Absent (Deko, Capotorto, Martin, Cesare, Parlato, and Pompano)

Staff Present: James Keeley Finance Director.

Item #1

Councilman Balter moved to approve the minutes.

Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Item #2

Correspondence: Clerk presented a letter from Lorena Venegas, 71 George Street. She was advocating having the skate park reestablished; she feels the public was not informed in sufficient time prior to demolition.

Item #3

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Education, Library and School Building-No Report.
- b. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare-No Report
- c. Finance-No Report/Meeting cancelled
- d. Public Services, Parks, and Recreation-Vice Chairman Pacelli stated that public works is cleaning and maintaining all the parks and fields for baseball. They are cleaning catch basins as well.
- e. Urban Renewal/Housing
- f. Blight

Item #4

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Gaetano Bimonte, 53 Eddon Drive to fill the unexpired term of Councilwoman Jennifer Ruggiero of District #5 for a term to expire November 18, 2023.

Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Vollono.

Councilman Santino second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #5

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Susan Giangreco to the Housing Authority to serve a term from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2024.
Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #6

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Anthony Moscato to the Housing Authority to serve a term from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2025.
Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.
Councilman Balter second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #7

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Annarose Russo as a Constable for the term to expire November 18, 2023. Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.
Councilman Balter second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #8

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of David Sagnella as a Constable for the term to expire November 18, 2023.
Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.
Councilwoman Lesco second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #9

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Tina Hedley as a Constable for the term to expire November 18, 2023. Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.
Councilman Balter second the motion.
Voice vote-All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.
Motion carried.

Item #10

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Richard Caponera as a Constable for the term to expire November 18, 2023. Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Item #11

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon the appointment of Ann Pennington as a Constable for the term to expire November 18, 2023. Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Item #12

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon a resolution waiving the Town Charter's competitive bidding requirements for Deltacom 11 Old Bradley Road, East Haven with regard to the integration of the phone system for the Police and Fire Departments.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Jim Keeley, Finance Director who explained that the town hall, public works, and senior center have a new phone system installed by Deltacom and the system at the fire department and police department have to be integrated with those other offices. Using Deltacom is practical since they can integrate the system with the rest of the town.

Vice Chairman Pacelli entertained a motion from Councilman Santino.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Item #13

The clerk read the following: to consider and act upon any other matter that may come before the Council.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Cindy Sparago, 42 Caroline Road who has concern with use of shoreline properties being rented through Airbnb and she gave some statistics.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Ron Johnson, 214 Cosey Beach Avenue who has concerns with regard to short term rental and the problem caused by the renter's sense of entitlement.

John Wobensmith, 93 Cosey Beach Avenue has concerns with the number of homes running businesses out of their homes and not in compliance with building and fire codes. Another issue is the destruction of the sea grass; along with the disturbance from the fireworks all year long.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Wendy Bellmore, 57 Catherine Street also has concerns with regard to home businesses and feels there should be more dialogue in order to work to make the neighborhoods legal and safe.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Jim Harding, 84 Catherine Street spoke in support of making home businesses safe and legal.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized the resident of 126 Meadow Street who is disappointed by the removal of the skate park and would like to see it replaced.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Donald DePalma, 84 Caroline Road who has lived on the shore year round for the last 12 years and thoroughly enjoys the renters in the summer and has forge friendships and has never experienced any problems. It has always been a wonderful experience.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Heather Cometa, 58 Caroline Road stated that there are great landlords and great tenants; it falls upon the landlord to regulate what is allowed. She has always had good tenants; not every Airbnb is an issue.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Leonardo Gugliotti, 53 Caroline Road stated that he also has two homes on Hobson Street and he rents to travel nurses and others without incident. He enjoys the shoreline so much that his father and brother have purchased homes on the beach as well.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Jake Faughnan, 11 Barker Street stated he loves the town and utilized the skate park and has never seen any of things that were mentioned like blunts, graffiti, or syringes.

Vice Chairman Pacelli recognized Mr. Capazano, 48 Hughes Street stated that the town should not have a submissive acceptance of the defeat in court against the airport expansion. The airport does not have control over land use. We should not be subjected to additional noise or expansion.

Councilman Santino moved to adjourn.

Councilman Balter second the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca
Town Council Clerk