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**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN**  
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2020 - 2021 BUDGET**

Chairman Deko called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Deko requested a roll call.

Roll Call-12 Present 3 Absent (Santino, Ranfone, and Ruggiero)

Staff Present: Erica Forti Superintendent of Schools, Michael Luzzi Town Attorney, and Michelle Benivegna Assistant Director of Administration and Management.

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following:

In accordance with Chapter VII, Section 5 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council will hold two public hearings regarding the proposed 2020 - 2021 fiscal year Town budget, as follows:

1. A Public Hearing with regard to the Board of Education portion of said budget will be held  
via Zoom, Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman asked that any correspondence be read by the clerk:

A letter from Board Education Chairwoman Michelle DeLucia as attached along with other correspondence:

Chairman Deko recognized Jack Stacey, 82 Forbes Place Board of Education Member. Mr. Stacey stated that he got involved because he had heard so much about trying to raise the test scores. With specialty positions it helps raise test scores.

Chairman Deko recognized Lorena Venegas, 73 George Street stated we need to head in the right direction and change the adult curriculum. Our teens need job training and those skill sets are part of the puzzle we need to invest in our students.

Chairman Deko recognized Michelle DeLucia Board of Education Chairwoman pointed out that East Haven funds the BOE 32% of the budget, North Branford 46%, Branford 48% with our town's poverty level at 62% the town needs to invest more. North Branford spends \$17k per student, Branford spends \$19k, and East Haven spends \$16k per student. The educators know that amount per student needs to be increased with the high poverty level in town. These students are the town's greatest asset.

Chairman Deko recognized Jeffery Lendroth, 320 Tyler Street is concerned if the town lost the state funding what would happen. Should the town not fund the Board of Education, those funds should not be included and should be considered extra.

Chairman Deko recognized Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive stated that several years ago the town council indicated that the government is running out of money. Hiring creates more money for pensions for retirement, which impact the budget.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Ceasar second the motion.

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

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca