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## Public Hearing Minutes

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held a public hearing Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the following item:

Chairman Deko called the hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.  
Roll Call-13 Present. 2 Absent (Maltese and Pompano)  
Chairman Deko called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Stacy Gravino, Interim Finance Director James Keeley, and Town Attorney Michael Luzzi.

Town Attorney Michael Luzzi reviewed the Executive Order and the protocol for these meetings via a Zoom meeting.

Vice Chairman Pacelli read the following amended ordinance:

**"An Ordinance Amending East Haven Code of Ordinance  
Section 16.5-14 (Use of Town Landfill; Fees) its subsection (d)(1) – (4)  
to now be coded as 16.5-14(d)(1) – (6).**

**BE IT ORDAINED that East Haven Legislative Town Council hereby amends Code of Ordinance Section 16.5-14(d) (Use of Town Landfill; Fees) to read as follows:**

(d) *Fee.* Each person shall pay a fee each time he enters the landfill for waste disposal or recycling purposes, the amount of which shall depend upon the size and type of the vehicle in which he has carted materials to the landfill, in accordance with the following schedule:

*Fee*

(1) Brush, leaves, shrubbery, small tree limbs, and electronics, provided they enter the landfill in a private passenger vehicle or non-commercially registered pickup truck ..... NO FEE

(2) Automobiles designed primarily for private passenger use (sports utility vehicles and passenger plate vans, provided such vehicles are not equipped with a trailer) .....  
\$25.00

(3) Single rear wheel axle pickup trucks without modified beds and commercial plate cargo vans ..... \$50.00

(4) Pickup trucks with dual rear wheel axles and/or modified beds, and trailers, all of which are less than gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 12,000 pounds ..... \$75.00

(5) Vehicles larger than pickup trucks, including dump trucks and masonry trucks and trailers all of which are GVW of 12,000 pounds (vehicle cannot exceed 12,000 pound limit) ..... \$150.00

(6) There will be no disposal of roofing materials permitted.

No vehicle with a GVWR in excess of twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, and no vehicle with a GVWR more than eight thousand (8,000) pounds which is equipped with any trailer, shall be permitted to be used for the purpose of transporting material to the landfill for disposal or recycling.

The weight of a vehicle for purposes of this section shall be the (GVWR), or other comparable weight as indicated on the vehicle's motor vehicle registration certificate.

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

Chairman Deko recognized Lorrena Venegas, 73 George Street feels that two months of comparing and researching the fees to the surrounding town is not enough time. What is the actual cost to the town to run the landfill and the new fees make it cost prohibitive for a family to utilize the landfill.

Karen Martin, 15 Oak Grove Road asked what the fees will be to bring bags of leaves to the landfill.

Chairman Deko indicated no fee for bagged leaves.

Councilwoman Glassman concern is that we have no idea what the future will hold and when business or the landfill will reopen. Do we know when it will reopen?

Chairman Deko explained that at this time the Mayor has instructed Public Works to pick up items and brush placed at the curb and our weekly trash does pick up bulk items.

Councilman Balter stated there are reasons we instituted a new fee structure which is more generous than most towns. Contractors should not be dumping at our landfill.

Chairman Deko stated the ordinance has not been updated in many years and the cost to run the landfill far exceeds the fees collected.

Councilman Balter the revised fees are much more equitable to the town.

Vice Chairman Pacelli stated he has worked the landfill while employed by the town and this is a long time coming and justifiable.

Councilwoman Parlato stated this is in line with other towns who operate without a scale, we have adjusted the fees to equal the scale weight.

Councilman Butler felt the fees are reasonable.

Donna Richo, 67 Charnes Drive asked if there would be adjusted fees for the elderly.

Lorrena Venegas, 73 George Street asked if the resident could buy the pass at the landfill.

Chairman Deko stated no, you must go to the Town Clerk.

Vice Chairman Pacelli moved to adjourn.

Councilwoman Glassman second the motion.

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

Hearing adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Town Council Clerk

The Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council held a Public Hearing May 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on the following item:

Chairman Deko called the hearing committee to order and requested a roll call.

Roll Call- 13 present, 2 Absent (Maltese and Pompano) A quorum present.

Vice-chairman Pacelli moved that the Hearing Committee of the East Haven Town Council recommend to the Full Council adoption of the following:

**"An Ordinance Amending East Haven Code of Ordinance  
Section 16.5-14 (Use of Town Landfill; Fees) its subsection (d)(1) – (4)  
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Councilwoman Cesare second the motion.

Roll Call Vote-All in Favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Cesare moved to adjourn.

Councilman Santino second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta A. DeLuca  
Council Clerk