

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The East Haven Town Council held a regular meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512 in order to transact the following.

Chairman Fred Parlato calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Item #1**

Roll Call- 8 present - 7 absent (Mckay, Santino, Depalma, Esposito, Richardson, Hennessey and Spaduzzi). A quorum is present.

Chairman Parlato asks all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #2**

Approval of minutes from the November 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Henry Butler makes a motion.

Councilman Robert Parente seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

**Item #3**

Correspondence-

- Chairman Parlato mentions that a resignation letter was sent from Oni Sioson from the ADA Commission. He went and saw Oni personally who told him he has a problem that is causing him to feel like a distraction. He thanked the Council for the appointment.

**Item #4**

Subcommittee Reports:

- a. Subcommittee on Education, Library, and School Building-
  - o Education- Councilman Parente says they are already working on their next budget and planning ahead due to the fact that they will be losing some State funding through the Alliance Grant.

- Chairman Parlato adds that he and Councilman Sand were invited to tour Overbrook and Deer Run School, they spent half the day at each school and he was overwhelmingly impressed with Deer Run and the programs they have for children with learning disabilities. They have a lot of things there for them and do a lot with the money they are given via grants and their budget.
- b. Subcommittee on Public Safety, Health, & Welfare- No report.
- c. Subcommittee on Finance-No report.
- d. Subcommittee on Public Services, Parks, & Recreation-
  - Chairman Parlato says he gave a letter from Lou Pane to Councilwoman Susan Archambault to bring to the Park/Rec Commission regarding the balls going over the fence at Memorial Field.
- e. Subcommittee on Urban Renewal/Housing-No report.

Councilman Nicholas Palladino makes a motion to add to the Agenda a discussion about Hays School.

Councilwoman Archambault seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

#### **Item #4A**

Discussion regarding Hays School.

- Councilman Palladino says there was a public hearing scheduled and it was cancelled at the last minute. He asks why it was cancelled, what was the problem that happened overnight so there wasn't a public hearing to decide what will be done with Foxon Rec and Hays School.
- Vice Chairman Sand says on the day of the meeting he was in the Mayor's Office to ask some questions about the lease agreement and an individual from the Scout's came in to complain because she was trying to reach Joan Adamczyk and was not successful. The Mayor spoke to the young lady, got information and at his displeasure he said there wasn't going to be the lease agreement, and something else needed to be worked out. With that he felt there was no need to have a meeting that night if there isn't going to be a lease agreement signed. So as Vice Chair, he asked notice to be put out to cancel the meeting.
- Councilman Palladino says aren't they supposed to give 24 hour notice to cancel?
- Attorney Zullo says it can be cancelled up to the last second.
- Councilman Palladino says if there was a problem with the Scouts why couldn't they come to the meeting and explain. They weren't signing a contract; they were

just going to discuss giving the authority to enter into a contract. He says that would have been a perfect time to discuss any issues.

- Attorney Zullo says it would have been if they were in the position to go that far. The Town is still trying to formulate the structure of how they want the lease to be, it's not that they don't want a lease but they couldn't even come to the Council with a final product based on what they found to be operational/logistic problems with how it would function. Rather than go to the Council with something that was going to need to be changed and need re-approval anyway at a second meeting, it was better to cancel it, hammer out the issues and come to the Council with something that is workable. It even came down to figuring out who was going to take care of certain rooms, keys, insurance issues, etc., all things that were not finalized.
- Councilman Palladino says he had people from his district that planned to come to the meeting because they had concerns and they weren't able to. Their concerns could have been the same and he doesn't think there was a reason to cancel a public hearing when they are elected by the public, he thinks it was the incorrect thing to do.
- Chairman Parlato says the people that were going to sign the lease thought there was more expense, things they weren't sure about in terms of taking care of the building and a few other issues. The Mayor is going to have a meeting with those people and iron everything out.
- Councilman Palladino says he doesn't think they should cancel meetings; they only have 12 per year.
- Chairman Parlato says as the current Chair along with Bob Sand as Vice Chair they will cancel meetings at their discretion, everyone was properly notified and no harm was done.
- Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales asks about the meeting between the Mayor and Foxon Rec.
- Vice Chairman Sand says it is taking place this Thursday at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.
- Chairman Parlato says Joseph Badamo had a slight incident following a knee operation, he did go to see him and he would appreciate any calls or visits. He thanks everyone for their past performance, a lot was done throughout the year and the Council worked well together. He wishes everyone a happy holiday and he is looking forward to a successful and busy year next year with the budget.

## **Item #5**

Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Archambault makes a motion to adjourn.  
Councilwoman Letizia Lettieri-Morales seconds the motion.  
Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council