

**EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

The East Haven Town Council will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2012,  
at 7:30PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512  
in order to transact the following:

Chairman Richard Anania called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Chairman Anania asks everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Paul Carbo made a motion for the respective parties to adjourn to Caucus. Caucus began at 7:34 PM  
The Republican Caucus ended at 7:38 PM. The Democrat Caucus ended at 7:41 PM

1. Roll Call.

13 Town Council members were in attendance  
(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

2 Town Council members were not in attendance  
(William Richardson and Robert Sand)  
A quorum is present.

2. Councilman Robert Parent makes a motion for the approval of the minutes from December 6, 2011 special meeting. Councilman Fred Parlato seconds the motion.

Chairman Anania asks for a Roll Call vote to approve minutes.

12-Yes (Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

1-No (Joseph Badamo)

Motion carries.

3. Councilman Fred Parlato makes a motion for the approval of minutes from January 3, 2012 regular meeting. Councilman Robert Parente seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote

13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

Councilman Michael Riolino makes a motion for the minutes to be amended to correct the name of the Public Service Committee to Public Safety Committee. Councilman Paul Carbo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

13 Yes- (Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

4. Correspondence:

- a. Summary of a letter from Attorney Joseph H. Zullo  
Attorney Joseph H. Zullo wanted to disclose the potential conflicts with his employment by the Town as required by the Town Charter.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Park & Rec/Public Safety Committee-Councilman Paul Carbo advised there is a meeting coming up.

Board of Education Committee-Councilman Robert Parente advised the NYEIS report was presented.

Urban Renewal Committee-Councilman Joseph Badamo advised there was no news.

Board of Finance Committee-Councilwoman Beverly Gravino advised there was no news.

Chairman Richard Anania advised that the Blight Committee is disbanded and will be handled by the Zoning Officer. The Blight Appeals Commission is still active.

6. Joseph Centofanti will address the Council regarding the recently completed 2010-2011 FY Audit.

The Town Council members received a copy of the completed 2010-2011 FY Audit. Mr. Centofanti summarized the report page by page.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment: Councilman Michael Riolino states that it seems the Town is similar to an insurance company. Mr. Centofanti stated the Town is Self-Insured, so they are responsible for paying their own claims. Councilman Robert Parente in the fund \$200,800 is the available amount as of June 30, 2010, not \$4 or \$5million dollars? Mr. Centofanti agreed. Councilman Riolino advised that over the Fiscal year there was an excess amount of revenue. Councilman Parente advised that the sale of land helped to have positive revenue. Councilman Riolino asked page 11 on the current assets, what is the restricted assets what are the investments in the amount of \$1.863 million. Mr. Centofanti advised this was mostly the Library assets.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment: Thomas Thompson (21 Mill Hill Circle) asked Mr. Centofanti if an extension was requested. Mr. Centofanti advised yes an extension was requested, however the request was not granted. An extension is requested if there is a need for additional information. Mr. Thompson asked what the reasons be that an extension would be requested, Mr. Centofanti advised that if not enough information is received by November 30 then an extension is requested.

7. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the following transfer at the recommendation of the Board of Finance:

To: 01-113-0668 – Legal/Lawyer Fees - \$49,500.00

From: 01-885-0689 – Contingency - \$49,500.00

Reason(s): 1. Transfers needed for attorney fees and settlements.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion to approve. Councilman Fred Parlato seconded the motion.

12 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

1 Abstain- Gary DePalma

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment:

Councilman Joseph Badamo asked what are the legal fees and settlements money will be used for? Attorney Joseph Zullo advised he went to the Board of Finance and advised them what the need for \$49,500. Attorney Zullo advised that he wrote a letter to Mayor Maturo to advise what the state of his department was, at the time paying legal fees out of the self-insurance settlement. The Town is also employing several more attorneys than in the past.

Councilman Parente asked if money should not have been taken out of the self-insurance fund. Attorney Zullo stated that \$100,000 was taken out of that fund for legal fees.

Councilman Michael Riolo asked if the Board of Finance approved the transfer. Attorney Zullo advised it was passed. The total legal funds available are about \$16,000 for attorney fees. Attorney Zullo feels allocations of funds should be approved through the Board of Finance and the Town Council.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment:

Donna Richo (67 Charnes Drive) are these bills that incurred already? Attorney Zullo stated that some of the bills did occur previously to his taking office. Attorney Zullo also stated that a portion of the money is to maintain current business.

Thomas Thompson (21 Mill Hill Circle) stated that a \$300,000 second payment for Sanchez was taken out of the general fund, not out of the liability fund

Attorney Zullo advised that the legal fund is short, not the liability fund.

8. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the following transfer at the Recommendation of the Board of Finance:

To: 01-167-0965 – Unemployment Compensation - \$45,000.00

From: 01-885-0689 – Contingency - \$45,000.00

Reason(s): 1. Funds needed for unemployment compensation. The 2010-2011. Figure totaled \$50,300.00 and we have additional employees on unemployment. Also, the benefit period has been extended, necessitating more money be Allocated.

Councilman Robert Parente makes motion to approve. Councilman Paul Carbo seconds motion.

Paul Rizza addressed the Town Council

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment:

Councilman Joseph Badamo asked if there was a list of employee's on unemployment and what year was this for? Mr. Rizza advised that it is for the current Fiscal Year (7/1/2011-6/30/2012). Some of the employees just started unemployment in November/December 2011. Some people on the list will reach 99 weeks. Mr. Rizza passed around a copy of the list of employees currently receiving unemployment compensation.

Chairman Anania asked if this is for workman's compensation or unemployment compensation. Mr. Rizza advised this is for unemployment.

Mr. Rizza advised that \$25,000 was budgeted for unemployment. \$27,000 has been spent; \$4976 per week collects the maximum amount available. The maximum amount received right now is \$618 a week. This is Town employee's only, not including the Board of Education. The amount is based on prior quarter's earnings.

Councilman Michael Riolino does the unemployment compensation work the same as the workman's compensation (self-insured)? Mr. Rizza advised that dollar for dollar is reimbursed to the State of Connecticut. The federal government allows for an extension of up to 99 weeks. Reimbursement is the total obligation of the taxpayer.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the public for comment:

Thomas Thompson (21 Mill Hill Circle) advised that he is currently on unemployment collecting \$573 per week through the Town of East Haven. He advised it was definitely a bad financial decision.

9. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to execute and deliver all documents relating to the Town's involvement with the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on behalf of the East Haven Town Council and the Town of East Haven and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Arthur DeSorbo addressed the Town Council to advise the above is to replace the signature of the previous mayor. Mayor Joseph Maturo Jr. would be the contact person.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment, there was no comment.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment:

Robert Hoff (151 Michael Street) stated that the Town Council never brought forward any standing rules.

Chairman Anania advised that Public comment needs to adhere to the subject matter.

Councilman Parlato called a point of order as that Mr. Hoff's statement was not valid to the topic.

Councilman Robert Parente makes a motion to approve the changeover to allow Mayor Maturo to be the signatory. Councilman Paul Carbo seconds the motion.

Roll call vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

10. To consider and act upon a Resolution endorsing a SCROG proposal for an Intermunicipal Shared-Services Feasibility study.

Arthur DeSorbo addressed the council to advice that the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCROG) had no cost or obligation to the Town. The Town of East Haven would be included in 2 studies.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment, there was no comment.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment:

Donna Richo (67 Charnes Drive)-Is there any binding agreements?

Mr. DeSorbo advised there was no binding agreement.

Councilman Robert Parente makes motion to approve SCROG enrollment.

Councilman Fred Parlato seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

11. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to sign a five year lease with the State of Connecticut on behalf of the Town of East Haven for land abutting North High Street.

Mr. DeSorbo addressed the Town Council to advise that this lease is for a piece of state owned land that is abutted against town property where a storage unit was built. The lease is for 5 years and it is about to expire. There is an administrative cost of \$500. After checking with the Town Engineer it was determined it would cost more money to move the structure than paying the administrative fee of \$500.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment, there was no comment.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment, there was no comment.

Councilman Fred Parlato makes motions to approve lease. Councilman Anthony Purificato seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

12. To consider and act upon the following appointments:

Councilman Robert Parente made the motion for approval of the below appointments. Councilman Fred Parlato seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

Councilman Paul Carbo made a motion of amendment to the appointments for Michael Tufano to the American Disabilities Act Commission; Carmen Parlato to the Housing Authority and Bob Falcigno to the Board of Assessment Appeals (Term 2/1/2012 to 2/1/2013). Councilman Robert Parente seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph

Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

Councilwoman Beverly Gravino asked when is her termination date from Board of Assessments would be. Attorney Zullo advised the term date was March 1, 2013.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment:

Councilman Michael Riolino asked as to when someone with a term date as indefinite would be removed. Attorney Zullo advised that would be at the discretion of the Town Council.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment:

Sam Giglio (41 Robert Drive) would like the Town Council to recognize Joseph D'Albero the School Building Commission Chairperson for his many service years and commitment to excellence.

<b>Board</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Term</b>
Americans with Disabilities Act Commission	Ann Desorbo Michael Tufano	Indefinite Indefinite
Blight Appeals Committee	Oni Sioson Robert Sand Clyde A. Riccio	3/1/2012-3/1/2014 3/1/2012-3/1/2014 3/1/2012-3/1/2014
Board of Assessment Appeals	Janet Cianelli	2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Constables	Ronald Vestuti William Illingworth Joan Adamczyk Dominic Milano Ted Musco Annarose Russo Ken Mckay	11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013
East Shore Health	Elias Najjar	2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Ethics, Board of	Marc Conte	2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Housing Authority	Michael Enders Carmen Parlato	2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Old Cemetery Board	Marcia Federico Judy Ruggiero Margaret Thomas	2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015
School Building Committee	John O'Brien Dave Gertsch Sue Mauro Donna Richo	2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Selectmen, Board of	Angelo Santomassimo Michael J. Piccirillo Mickey Jones	11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013 11/19/2011-11/16/2013
Tweed New Haven Airport Authority	Marie Guidone Paul Constantinople	7/1/2012-7/1/2015 7/1/2012-7/1/2015
Urban Renewal Agency	Anthony Moscato Ernie Viola	2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015
Zoning Board of Appeals	Donald Thomas (alt)	2/1/2012-2/1/2015

	Ronald Vestuti (alt) Paul Beisler Bob Falcigno Michael Enders (alt)	2/1/2011-2/1/2014 2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2012-2/1/2015 2/1/2011-2/1/2014
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13. To consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing and directing Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. to execute and file an application with the Connecticut Department of

Economic and Community Development to obtain monies under the Small Cities

Community Development Block Grant Program.

Councilman Robert Parente made motion to approve. Councilman Anthony Purificato seconded the motion.

Mr. DeSorbo addressed the Town Council to advise that Mayor Joseph Maturo Jr. needs approval to sign grant. Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment:

Councilman Michael Riolino asked if this was for authorization to have Mayor Maturo sign the grant. Mr. DeSorbo replied yes.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment, there was no comment.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

14. To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide the following tax refund:

**TWJL Properties LLC**

875 No High St

East Haven CT 06512

2009-01-10657 E/S 18577

Reason: Adjusted Assessment per Court Agreement

\$512.21

**TOTAL \$512.21**

Councilman Robert Parente made a motion to approve. Councilman Joseph Santino seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment, no comments made

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment, no comments made.

15. To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide the following tax refund:

**Bank of America NA**

101 No Tryon St

Charlotte NC 28255

2010-02-40100

Reason: Bill Deleted, Combined w/B4006105

\$665.56

2010-02-40099

Reason: Bill Deleted, Combined w/B4006105

\$2,132.31

**TOTAL \$2,797.87**

Councilman Anthony Purificato made motion to approve. Councilman Paul Carbo seconded the motion.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council

Councilman Fred Parlato asked what the address for the property is.

Attorney Zullo advised the property is located at 170 Main Street.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment:

Donna Richo (67 Charnes Drive) is the amount from combining properties?

Attorney Zullo advised it is a refund of excessive payments due to combining of property.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

16. To consider and act upon a Resolution to provide the following tax refund:

**VW Credit Leasing LTD**

1401 Franklin Blvd

Libertyville IL 60048

2009-03-72765 E/S 16563

Reason: Bill Removed. Sent to New Haven

\$876.60

**TOTAL \$ 867.60**

Councilman Joseph Santino made a motion to amend the amount to correctly show as \$876.60 for the refund. Councilman Robert Parente seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to the Town Council for comment, no comment.

Chairman Anania opened the floor to Public comment, no comment.

Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes-(Robert Parente, Fred Parlato, Anthony Purificato, Gary DePalma, Beverly Gravino, Joseph Santino, Judy Esposito, Joseph Badamo, Robert Cubellotti, Michael Riolino, Richard Anania, Paul Carbo and Anthony Mansi)

Motion Carries.

17. Adjournment of Regular Meeting.

Councilman Robert Parente makes motion to adjourn meeting.

Councilman Joseph Santino seconds the motion. Town Council Meeting ends at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Melillo,  
Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council