

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

A public hearing of the East Haven Legislative Town Council was held Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Senior Center located at 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman Robert Sand, conducting the meeting in the absence of Chairman Richard Anania, calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Sand announces that this public hearing is for the General Government portion of the budget and Thursday night will be for the Board of Education. The guidelines for the public hearing tonight are to, in fairness to other public speakers, limit comments to three minutes and when coming to the table, please sign in and state your name and address.

Roll Call: 10 Present – 5 absent (Depalma, Richardson, Riolino, Mansi and Anania)

A quorum is present.

Public Comment:

- Thomas Thompson- 21 Mill Hill Circle, East Haven, CT. - Mr. Thompson asks if a mill rate was established, to which Vice Chairman Sand indicates the Mayor presented his budget to the Town Council and established a mill rate in that budget. Mr. Thompson questions with the 30.95 proposed mill rate, what happened to the 17% rollback the Mayor mentioned during his campaign. Mr. Thompson adds that it is a 16% mill increase from the 26.59 to 30.95 which causes his taxes to increase by \$585.00 regardless of the assessment of property going down.

Vice Chairman Sand states that Mr. Thompson's questions can be addressed by the Mayor. He further responds that when the budget is adopted the Chairman of the Town Council can accept additional public comment if he so chooses.

Councilman Parente, in response to Mr. Thompson, states that he assumed people were telling them the truth during the past number of years that there was \$3 and \$4 million in the fund balance and come to find out there was only \$200,000.

No additional public comment.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Paul Carbo seconds the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council