

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 23, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 11 a.m., by First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz. Also present were Albert W. Cretella, III and Janet M. McCarty.

Mr. Cretella moved approval of the minutes of the regular Selectmen's Meeting of April 14, 2005. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz introduced a letter from Ann M. Ruocco, 23 Ansonia Drive, regarding the State's decision to prohibit towns with Selectmen/Town Meeting forms of government from conducting a referendum to delay revaluation and a letter from Michael R. Mele, 109 Maple Avenue, requesting the Board delay revaluation to 2006, effective 2007. Mr. Kopetz thanked the residents for their correspondence and explained that he is aware of recently proposed legislation in the General Assembly that if passed, would allow voters of municipalities with a Selectmen/Town Meeting form of government to further delay revaluation one year if agreed to by a majority.

Regarding both letters, Mr. Kopetz asked Town Attorney, Jeffrey M. Donofrio, to address the Board's position to continue proceeding with the revaluation process in 2005, effective 2006. Mr. Donofrio stated that the Town's current Grand List does not reflect market value and residential property values continue to increase. Additionally, he is concerned that Cole, Laver, Trumbull, the company used by the Town for the last two revaluations, may not be available in the future year and that the 2005 revaluation is essentially complete.

Ms. McCarty feels that North Haven residents should be allowed to decide whether or not to further delay revaluation one year. However, she is not prepared to recommend that the Selectmen delay the process, but feels that they should educate the public as to the pros and cons of another delay. Mr. Kopetz added that delaying the process shifts the burden into the same year (2007) as the new high school's first significant impact on the mill rate.

Ms. McCarty moved approval of the following Board of Selectmen Meeting dates for 2006: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14. These dates are the second Thursdays of each month. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved the following resolution, which enables the Town to pursue State funding for a Montowese Avenue traffic study:

RESOLVED: that the First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of North Haven with the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management in order to execute a grant award in the amount of \$30,000.00 to conduct a traffic study, to be

funded through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program and to affix the corporate seal. Mr. Kopetz explained that area residents are concerned with the volume and speed of traffic; there is no local funding match required, and in response to a question from Ms. McCarty, the effects of the newly proposed Harten's Pond subdivision would be incorporated in the study. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

The Board discussed a possible trade of real property between CMB Capital Appreciation, LLC and the Town of North Haven, for an age-restricted residential development that was proposed conceptually to the Board in March of 2005. Since this meeting, the Open Space Committee voted to support the proposal with a provision that the Town seek to acquire the ridge top through a conservation easement or other non-monetary means. Ms. McCarty does not support the property trade, unless the Town maintains ownership of the entire ridge. While Mr. Kopetz would like to continue the process and allow the other land use commissions to review the proposal, he agreed to delay immediate action on the matter.

Attorney Bernie Pellegrino, representing Forestland Homes, LLC, proposed a trade of real property between this company and the Town, in order to develop a four-lot subdivision off Winchester Drive. Forestland Homes proposes relinquishing a 4.12-acre parcel to the Town, in exchange for 0.73 acres to complete development of the road. Mr. Pellegrino feels that the parcel that would be allocated to the Town would be an asset, as it abuts town-owned open space on Spring Road and provides access to Muddy River. He also explained that his client is proceeding with required land use approvals at this time. Considering that the Open Space Committee has not acted on the matter, Mr. Kopetz made a motion to table the Board's decision. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved the following property tax refunds:

Bancamerican Auto Finance, Box 2240, Brea, CA, in the amount of \$162.55, Assessor's Correction #31576

Joanne and Martin Barletta, 511 Elm Street, Unit 3-4, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$121.65, Tax Collector Correction #14682

Joan Barrow, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-3, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$131.15, Tax Collector Correction #14676

Charles and Patricia Dagostino, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-5, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$131.15, Tax Collector Correction #14678

DCFS Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$979.01, Assessor's Correction #31491

Louise Frank, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-1, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$160.77, Tax Collector Correction #14674

Dorothy Gambardella, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-2, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$113.60, Tax Collector Correction #14675

Carmela Guglielmo and A. Pacileo, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-4, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$131.15, Tax Collector Correction #14677

Glenn and Nancy Hendrickson, 511 Elm Street, Unit 5-1, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$23.58, Tax Collector Correction #14685

Doug Hood, 169 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$28.09, Assessor's Correction #31866

Francis and Marion Janel, 511 Elm Street, Unit 3-2, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$77.08, Tax Collector Correction #14681

Paul Marinuzzi, Sr., 53 Frost Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$84.81, Assessor's Correction #31956, and in the amount of \$86.28, Assessor's Correction #31957, and in the amount of \$91.59, Assessor's Correction #31958

Mercedes Benz Credit Corp., 7 Village Circle, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262, in the amount of \$253.86, Assessor's Correction #31860

Robert Mercurio, 8 Susan Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$28.76, Assessor's Correction #31718

William and Marilyn Rafferty, 511 Elm Street, Unit 3-3, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$99.22, Tax Collector Correction #14684

George and Mary Lee Rapuano, 511 Elm Street, Unit 2-6, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$160.77, Tax Collector Correction #14679

Saab Leasing Co., Box 7101, Little Rock, AR 72222, in the amount of \$284.69, Assessor's Correction #31859

Cindy Sarcione, 199 Foxon Blvd., East Haven, CT 06413-1601, in the amount of \$12.09, Assessor's Correction #31491

Mauro J. and Barbara Suraci, 511 Elm Street, Unit 3-1, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$94.05, Tax Collector Correction #14680

Toyota Motor Credit Corp., 1004 North Twenty-Fifth Avenue S, Phoenix, AZ, in the amount of \$362.63, Assessor's Corrections #31795 and #31796

John R. Wilonski, 59 New Road, Hamden, CT 06518-2023, in the amount of \$45.55, Assessor's Correction #31491

Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved a Total Bond Release for Christopher C. Bracale, 317 Spring Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$3,500, with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Cretella moved for adjournment at 12:20 p.m. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes