

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 August 23, 2005. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Kopetz introduced a letter from Michael R. Mele, 109 Maple Avenue, regarding the possible videotaping of Board of Selectmen meetings with public comments and the amount of Town funds saved with reduced library hours. Mr. Kopetz explained the forum for discussing videotaping of public meetings is NHTV's Board of Directors, which has established its policies. Ms. McCarty advocates including public comments as part of the formal meeting, so they would be taped. Mr. Kopetz would like to be present at a future Board of Directors' meeting where policy decisions are made. The First Selectman also reported that the Town is saving approximately \$5,000 a month with the Library's labor reductions. Library Director, Lois Baldini, added that the building is now closed on Fridays, as there is not enough staff to secure it.

Mr. Cretella moved the following resolution from the Department of Homeland Security:

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, acting by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, is empowered and hereby authorized to apply for and enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved a second resolution from the Department of Homeland Security:

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, acting by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, is empowered and hereby authorized to apply for and enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

In response to questions from the Board, Finance Director, Vincent Palmeri, explained that the resolutions allow the Town to receive whatever funding is available in this program.

Mr. Cretella moved the following resolution to allow the Town to accept a STEAP grant in the amount of \$386,000:

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman, Kevin J. Kopetz, acting by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, is empowered and hereby authorized to apply for and enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community

Development for participation in the FY 2005 STEAP Grant for the road and bridge widening project on Universal Drive. Public Works Director, Richard Branigan, explained that the project cost is equal to the grant amount. Mr. Kopetz added that this work would ameliorate traffic conditions on Universal Drive. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved to sign a call for the Annual Town Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at 7 p.m. at the North Haven Middle School auditorium, 55 Bailey Road. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved the following property tax refunds:

Matthew W. Bader, 932-2 Quinnipiac Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513, in the amount of \$170.36, Assessor's Correction #32856

Janice R. Boyce, P.O. Box 623, Eastview, VA 23347, in the amount of \$94.29, Assessor's Correction #32972

Andrew Calandrella, 216 Quinnipiac Avenue, U307, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$48.77, Assessor's Correction #32905

Eileen Chapman, P.O. Box 623, Eastville, VA 23347, in the amount of \$79.94, Assessor's Correction #32973

Chevy Chase Bank, 455 South Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406, in the amount of \$126.72, Assessor's Correction #33104, and in the amount of \$256.07, Assessor's Correction #33074, and in the amount of \$261.86, Assessor's Correction #33076, and in the amount of \$154.16, Assessor's Correction #33051

Mary A. Civitello, 216 Quinnipiac Avenue, U316, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$40.60, Assessor's Correction #32234, and in the amount of \$50.91, Assessor's Correction #32233

Colonial Colour, Inc., 50 Corey Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$109.06, Assessor's Correction #32277

Raymond P. and Marcelle A. Crisco, 33 Collett Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$189.98, Assessor's Correction #32801, and in the amount of \$199.08, Assessor's Correction #32800, and in the amount of \$205.16, Assessor's Correction #32799

Kathleen and Michael DePasquale, 1 King Arthur Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$48.26, Assessor's Correction #32509

Donald J. Flynn, 14 Lincoln Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$6.66, Assessor's Correction #33070

Steve A. Gimler, 56 Sentinel Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$27.51, Assessor's Correction #32429

Joseph F. Gerbino, 91 Howe Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$269.52, Assessor's Correction #32910

Robert T. Gradoville, 68 Knollwood Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$8.27, Assessor's Correction #32644

Robert F. Hall, 39 Lawncrest Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$48.26, Assessor's Correction #32459

Joelle Innocenti, 43 Manor Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$60.48, Assessor's Correction #32726, and in the amount of \$65.95, Assessor's Correction #32674

Jane Jungden, 84 Wayland Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$68.04, Assessor's Correction #32675

Antonia or George L. Kattis, 95 Sentinel Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$212.23, Assessor's Correction #32978

William or Andrea Kusmit, 64 Country Way, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$25.19, Assessor's Correction #31995

Grace and Julian Mitchell, 10 King Arthur Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$91.60, Assessor's Correction #32543, and in the amount of \$86.28, Assessor's Correction #32542

Robert J. Moore, 61 Carriage Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$80.43, Assessor's Correction #31625

Sharon L. Morgio, 20 Goodsell Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$30.35, Assessor's Correction #32851

George A. Morgio, Jr., 20 Goodsell Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$192.77, Assessor's Correction #32853

NE Environmental Designers, 56 Homewood Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$49.70, Assessor's Correction #32474

Eugene J. O'Brien, 21 Drazen Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$40.53, Assessor's Correction #32397

Charles Palmer, 37 Woodland Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$196.70, Assessor's Correction #31853

Louis Papa, Jr., 196 Maple Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$42.34 Assessor's Correction #32999, and in the amount of \$9.28, Assessor's Correction #33000

Navin Patel, 11 Revere Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$97.48
Assessor's Correction #32940

Elizabeth H. Perry, 70 Hansen Farm Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$16.66, Assessor's Correction #33025

Patricia M. Piscitelli, 33 Oakwood Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$15.18, Assessor's Correction #32917

Rosanna or Louis P. Preziosi, 130 State Street, D41, North Haven, CT 06473, in the
amount of \$36.58, Assessor's Correction #33029

Andrew A. Proto, 29 Justine Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$96.51,
Assessor's Correction #32677

Christopher C. Puglisi, 82 Bradley Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$264.92, Assessor's Correction #33065

Gail Ruggiero, 17 Bishop Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$8.27,
Assessor's Correction #32937

Josephine or Dominic Savo, 27 Orcutt Court, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount
of \$47.93, Assessor's Correction #32533

Mary Jane Scasino, 21 Windsor Road East, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$13.06, Assessor's Correction #32744

Vincent or Rita M. Sullivan, 511 Elm Street, #6-5, North Haven, CT 06473, in the
amount of \$9.14, Assessor's Correction #32843

Lauren D. Torello, 5 Buell Street, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$16.09,
Assessor's Correction #31605

Douglas B. or Marianne W. Turner, 91 Carriage Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the
amount of \$14.80, Assessor's Correction #32956

Heidi A. or Mark Warner, 600 Washington Avenue, A2, North Haven, CT 06473, in the
amount of \$121.60, Assessor's Correction #32909

Steve Wesmenty, 112 Frost Drive, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$431.40,
Assessor's Correction #32213

Edward A. Wilber, 102 Scrub Oak Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$27.02, Assessor's Correction #33067

Paul M. & Sheila Winnick, 2 Papa Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of
\$160.86, Assessor's Correction #31701

Voted: Kopetz=yes, Cretella=yes, McCarty=yes

Mr. Cretella moved a Total Bond Release for Car-Mar Builders, 138 Summer Lane, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$2,500, with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Mr. Cretella moved the reappointment of Robert E. Dietter, Jr.(R), 151 Mill Road, to the Conservation Commission, term to expire 8/31/09. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes

Before adjournment, Mr. Kopetz reported that the Town is conducting a Food Drive for local food banks and a cash collection drive for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Sunday, September 11, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Big Y World Class Market. These events were initiated by the United Way's annual "Day of Caring", and all are invited to stop by and participate.

Ms. McCarty requested that the Board of Selectmen delay revaluation one more year, as she anticipates a decline in the sale prices of North Haven homes. Mr. Kopetz reminded her that in order to act on such business, it should be noticed on the agenda twenty-four hours before a meeting to allow Board members to prepare properly to discuss a matter. He disagreed with her assessment of the housing market, as it pertains to North Haven particularly. ✓

The Third Selectman also asked Board members to join her in a letter to the Board of Finance, to encourage the allocation of local funds to assist residents with the likelihood of higher fuel costs in preparation of the upcoming winter. Community Services & Recreation Director, Joseph Ierardi, explained that the Department operates an active service for assisting residents with fuel costs, using State and federal subsidies, in accordance with very specific and extensive guidelines. He also reported that there is an Emergency Fund for further assistance and warned against proposing an enlargement of the service, without determining amounts, who would administer the program and specific guidelines for residents' eligibility. He was unaware of any instance when a resident was not provided fuel assistance when in need. The Director also explained that he appears before the Board of Finance annually, advocates for the department, establishes priorities based on the needs of the entire community, and any budgetary additions should be in accordance with the totality and priority of the Department's requests. Ms. McCarty indicated that she would revise her proposed letter to address the points raised before the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Cretella moved for adjournment at 11:55 a.m. Voted: Kopetz-yes, Cretella-yes, McCarty-yes