

The East Haven Town Council held its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven in order to transact the following:

Roll call – 13 Present                    2 Absent (Massaro and Albis)

Clerk read a letter of resignation from the Town Council from James Albis District 1.

Chairman Thompson thanked James Albis for his service and wished him well in his future endeavor.

Councilman Cofrancesco moved that the agenda for the meeting be amended by adding the following item:

- a. To consider and act upon filling the vacancy on the East Haven Town Council created by the resignation of James Albis.

Councilman Badamo seconded the motion.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Councilman Cofrancesco made the following motion, be it resolved that in accordance with the position of the Town Charter of the Town of East Haven, Vincent Camera is hereby appointed a member of the East Haven Town Council to serve the remainder of the term of James Albis who resigned his position.

Councilwoman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Mayor Capone Almon administered the oath of office for Vincent Camera.

Councilman Camera thanked everyone for their support and that it's an honor to serve with the distinguished members of this council both Republican and Democrat.

Item #1

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that per the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the following tax refund is hereby approved:

Virginia Williams, 770 Thompson Street, East Haven, CT. Payment was applied to the wrong property 2006-01-10810 and was transferred to the correct property 2006-01-10808 resulting in the refund of \$668.70.

Councilman Cofrancesco seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that per the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the following tax abatements are hereby approved:

Town Acquired Properties:

Location: 48 Pondview Terrace, East Haven, CT 06512

E0006290

19911-3740 in the amount of \$361.44

19921-3806 in the amount of \$722.88

19931-3881 in the amount of \$736.22

19941-3852 in the amount of \$753.32

TOTAL \$2,573.86

Location: 41 Mallard Lane, East Haven, CT 06512

E0001870

19911-3782 in the amount of \$394.72

19921-3835 in the amount of \$789.44

19931-3900 in the amount of \$804.02

19941-3861 in the amount of \$822.68

TOTAL \$2,810.86

Location: 5 Delia Court, East Haven, CT 06512

N0155180

19931-8692 in the amount of \$519.06

19941-8690 in the amount of \$531.12

19951-8678 in the amount of \$545.66

19961-8398 in the amount of \$543.18

19971-8432 in the amount of \$543.18

19981-8548 in the amount of \$543.18

19991-8675 in the amount of \$543.18

20001-8311 in the amount of \$507.14

TOTAL \$4,275.70

No public comment.

Councilman Badamo asked why did it take so long for these to be abated since they date back to 1991.

Chairman Thompson recognized Finance Director, Paul Rizza who stated that the total dollar amount will be taken off the tax rolls because they currently show as delinquent taxes and they had been removed in the current year. Abating these improves the collection rate.

Councilman McKay asked if these accounts were with the collection agency and are uncollectible from 1991 – 2005.

Mr. Rizza indicated that these parcels go back a number of years due to problems with the titles that are currently owned by the town.

Councilman Parlato asked the Chairman to look into asking the Land Trust if they would be interested in these parcels.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that per the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the following additional tax abatements are hereby approved:

Town Acquired Properties:

Location: 18 Jessie Street

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19891-4405	\$117.17
19901-4430	\$120.16
19911-4968	\$621.30
19921-5042	\$621.30
19931-5137	\$632.76
19941-5130	\$647.46
19951-5118	\$665.20
19961-4962	\$662.14
19971-5003	\$662.14
19981-5120	\$662.14
19991-5176	\$662.14
20001-4960	\$683.42
Total -	\$6,757.33

Location: 9 Delia Court

N0155170

19931-8691	\$519.06
19941-8689	\$531.12
19951-8677	\$545.66
19961-8397	\$543.18
19971-8431	\$543.18
19981-8547	\$543.18
19991-8674	\$543.18
20001-8310	\$507.14

Total – 4,275.70

Location: 15 Delia Court

N0155160

19931-8690	\$519.06
19941-8688	\$531.12
19951-8676	\$545.66
19961-8396	\$543.18
19971-8430	\$543.18
19981-8546	\$543.18
19991-8673	\$543.18
20001-8309	\$533.94
Total	\$4,302.50

Location: 19 Delia Court

N0155150

19931-8689	\$519.06
19941-8687	\$531.12
19951-8675	\$545.66
19961-8395	\$543.18
19971-8429	\$543.18
19981-8545	\$543.18
19991-8672	\$543.18
20001-8308	\$533.94
Total	\$4,302.50

Location: 9 Thomas Lane

N154930

19931-8677	\$519.06
19941-8675	\$531.12
19951-8663	\$545.66
19961-8383	\$543.18
19971-8417	\$543.18
19981-8533	\$543.18
19991-8660	\$543.18
20001-8296	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 15 Thomas Lane

N0154940

19931-8678	\$519.06
19941-8676	\$531.12
19951-8664	\$545.66
19961-8384	\$543.18
19971-8418	\$543.18
19981-8534	\$543.18

1991-8661	\$543.18
2001-8297	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 20 Thomas Lane  
N0155140

19931-8688	\$519.06
19941-8686	\$531.12
19951-8674	\$545.66
19961-8394	\$543.18
19971-8428	\$543.18
19981-8544	\$543.18
19991-8671	\$543.18
20001-8307	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 21 Thomas Lane  
N0154950

19931-8679	\$519.06
19941-8677	\$531.12
19951-8665	\$545.66
19961-8385	\$543.18
19971-8419	\$543.18
19981-8535	\$543.18
19991-8662	\$543.18
20001-8298	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 25 Thomas Lane  
N0154960

19931-8680	\$519.06
19941-8678	\$545.66
19951-8666	\$543.18
19961-8386	\$543.18
19971-8420	\$543.18
19981-8536	\$543.18
19991-8663	\$543.18
20001-8299	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 26 Thomas Lane  
N0155130

19931-8687	\$519.06
19941-8685	\$531.12
19951-8673	\$545.66

19961-8393	\$543.18
19971-8427	\$543.18
19981-8543	\$543.18
19991-8670	\$543.18
20001-8306	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 31 Thomas Lane  
N0154970

19931-8681	\$519.06
19941-8679	\$531.12
19951-8667	\$545.66
19961-8387	\$543.18
19971-8421	\$543.18
19981-8537	\$543.18
19991-8664	\$543.18
20001-8300	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 32 Thomas Lane  
N0155120

19931-8686	\$519.06
19941-8684	\$531.12
19951-8672	\$545.66
19961-8392	\$543.18
19971-8426	\$543.18
19981-8542	\$543.18
19991-8669	\$543.18
20001-8305	\$854.28
Total	\$4,622.84

Location: 37 Thomas Lane  
N0154980

19931-8682	\$519.06
19941-8680	\$531.12
19951-8668	\$545.66
19961-8388	\$543.18
19971-8422	\$543.18
19981-8538	\$543.18
19991-8665	\$543.18
20001-8301	\$811.58
Total	\$4,580.14

Location: 40 Thomas Lane  
N0155110

19931-8685	\$519.06
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19941-8683	\$531.12
19951-8671	\$545.66
19961-8391	\$543.18
19971-8425	\$543.18
19981-8541	\$543.18
19991-8668	\$543.18
20001-8304	\$854.28
Total	\$4,622.84

Location: 41 Thomas Lane  
N0154990

19931-8683	\$519.06
19941-8681	\$531.12
19951-8669	\$545.66
19961-8389	\$543.18
19971-8423	\$543.18
19981-8539	\$543.18
19991-8666	\$543.18
20001-8302	\$854.28
Total	\$4,622.84

Location: 45 Thomas Lane  
N0155100

19931-8684	\$519.06
19941-8682	\$531.12
19951-8670	\$545.66
19961-8390	\$543.18
19971-8424	\$543.18
19981-8540	\$543.18
19991-8667	\$543.18
20001-8303	\$854.28
Total	\$4,622.84

Location: 20 Fox Ridge Drive  
N0155310

19941-8648	\$5.78
19951-8642	\$5.94
19961-8373	\$5.91
19971-8409	\$5.91
19981-8530	\$5.91
19991-8658	\$5.91
20001-8294	\$5.42
Total	\$40.78

Councilman Riolino seconded the motion and indicated that there are a lot of properties behind the Planet Fitness on Route 80.

Mr. Rizza indicated that these properties were foreclosed on for delinquent taxes. Once the taxes are abated it does change the numbers regarding the collection rate for the town.

No public comment.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #4

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING \$36,500.00 TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-110-0115 P/T WAGES FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-885-0689 FOR THE ANTICIPATED COSTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.” Is hereby enacted.

Councilwoman Donahue seconded the motion.

Councilman Riolino asked Paul Rizza, Finance Director exactly how much was paid out by the recount and primary.

Mr. Rizza indicated \$26,700 and don't forget that the payroll for the part time clerk in the Registrars Office is not included in that amount.

No public comment.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Item #5

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved, an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING \$354,096.00 TO VARIOUS POLICE ACCOUNTS FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-885-0689.” Is hereby enacted.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion.

No public comment

Roll call – 12 In favor. None opposed. One (1) abstention (DePalma).

Motion carried.

#### Item #6

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a favorable 8-24 referral is made for the abandonment of a fifteen (15) foot wide Town maintained drainage easement at 257 Coe Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilwoman Badamo seconded the motion.

Councilman Cofrancesco asked why is this being abandoned?

Chairman recognized Assistant Town Attorney, James Cirillo. Attorney Cirillo indicated that after the Assistant Town Engineer reviewed the request he determined that the town has no further use for the drainage easement because it no longer can support any additional drainage.

Councilman Toothe asked if this property is near Mrytle.

Councilman Parlato stated that this is near a paper street where drainage work was improved through new lines and at that time the use of that drainage easement was determined inadequate for any further water flow.

No public comment

Roll call – 13 In favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Motion carried.

Item #7

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved that per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a favorable 8-24 referral is made for the use of part of 200 Tyler Street for a Project Mothercare Clinic through Saint Raphael's Hospital.

Councilman Camera seconded the motion.

Chairman Thompson recognized James Monopoli, Health Inspector and the Director of Mothercare, who stated that this is a community based program for woman and children who are either uninsured or underinsured.

Representative of Mothercare explained that this program was in a tractor trailer until recently and has since been retired. Over the past year, through the generosity of several towns we have offices in New Haven, Hamden, and West Haven. All construction will be paid through the program, it will not cost the town. We do not take payment, we are not regular or ongoing medical care, and we refer them to them to proper agencies. We are very bust during the start of school because we offer vaccines, as we work closely with the state immunization registry. There are no medicines in our facilities except vaccines.

No public comment.

Councilman Parlato stated that he will not enter into an agreement without a contract or review from the Building Official or Fire Marshal. I don't know if there is a lead paint issue or building code liability, the Town Attorney should have review the town's liability and referred it to the council.

Town Attorney Patricia Cofrancesco indicated that a lease will be provide at the next meeting, first an 8-24 referral needs to approved in order to go forward.

Councilman Anania moved to table this item.

James Monopoli stated that this is just conceptual at this time but we need this approval in order to move forward or some indication from the town officials.

Attorney Cofrancesco stated that the purpose of the 8-24 is not only for abandonment but to arrange a lease through a favorable 8-24 Referral.

Councilman McKay seconded the motion to table.

Councilman Toothe asked for information on the Statute 8-24.

Mr. Monopoli indicated that the Hospital of St. Raphael needs to encumber the funds.

Councilman Cofrancesco stated that a favorable referral is to allow use not a particular use; to make sure the town is interested.

Attorney Cofrancesco stated that the town has to address the lease statutorily and the resolution speaks for itself. The issues brought up are well taken but the town will do its due diligence on all the issues and they will be addressed.

Councilman McKay asked if anyone contacted the Academy PTO because they are very protective of their children.

Mayor Capone Almon stated that the Academy is aware and that there is complete separation and the children are always accompanied when cutting through to the gym. The front doors to the 1936 wing are always open to the public and that would not change. The future use of the school is undetermined that is why she reactivated the School Building Committee. The Board of Health thought of utilizing something in town because so many of our residents utilize the program. There is no plan to randomly rent out space at 200 Tyler Street.

Councilman McKay wanted to know if there is any other place; like next to the police department.

Mayor Capone Almon stated not that she is aware and the building next to the police department is being used by the SWAT Team.

Chairman Thompson stated that the following vote is to table this item a yes vote is to table and a no vote is to go forward with the resolution.

Roll call – 2 in favor (McKay and Anania). 11 opposed. No abstentions  
Motion Failed.

Mr. Monopoli stated that this program fulfills basic needs for mothers and children; an accessible location and health care. We do not have a lot of data but there is a Branford school based program and half the children in the district have no insurance and are not immunized by the time they reach school age. Within the Greater New Haven area, East Haven was single out as having a problem with

fetal and infant mortality. This program is designed to provide medical care and guidance for the future health of these woman and children.

Chairman Thompson stated there isn't a member here that doesn't want to help woman and children.

Councilwoman Donahue moved to vote on the resolution.

Chairman Thompson stated that we have to vote tonight and all we will be doing is voting of the resolution they set before us.

Councilman Badamo stated by the next meeting all the concerns should be addressed.

Councilman Anania stated that the building has been uninhabited for a while.

Mr. Monopoli stated that it is already occupied.

Councilman McKay stated that there could be concerns with asbestos.

Mayor Capone Almon stated that the asbestos was abated.

Mr. Monopoli stated within the town there is a \$5 Million asbestos problem.

Councilman Parlato stated that if all we are voting on is the referral he has no problem with that.

Councilman Cofrancesco seconded the motion.

Roll call – 11 in favor. 2 Opposed (Anania and McKay). No abstentions.

#### Item #8

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved, that a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Establish a Public Safety Commission" is hereby scheduled for April 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Badamo seconded the motion.

No public comment.

Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

#### Item #9

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved, that a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Establish a Youth Service Commission", is hereby scheduled for April 1, 2008 to immediately follow the previously scheduled meeting at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Riolino seconded the motion.  
No public comment.  
Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Item #10

Vice Chairman DePalma made the following motion; be it resolved, that a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Establish a Skate Park Commission”, is hereby scheduled for April 1, 2008 to immediately follow the previously scheduled meeting at the East Haven Community Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut.

Councilman Badamo seconded the motion.  
No public comment.  
Roll call – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.

Councilman McKay moved to adjourn.  
Councilman Cofrancesco seconded the motion.  
Voice vote – all in favor. None opposed. No abstentions.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. DeLuca  
Temporary Council Clerk