

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MARCH 4, 2021

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in conference room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present:

Michael J. Freda, First Selectman
William J. Pieper, Second Selectman
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman

Staff:

Valerie Goodkin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Freda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Selectman Pieper and Selectwoman Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda and the Selectmen then proceeded in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 4, 2021.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Freda proceeded with his overview spending some time detailing the COVID-19 Vaccine and providing an overview of Connecticut's doses and available resources for residents to access for scheduling their vaccine. Mr. Freda commented that the Selectman's office has been heavily involved with assisting our residents navigate the system and taking hundreds of phone calls. He asked everyone to please be patient as the dispensing of the vaccines is taking some time.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Freda asked Miss Buemi to proceed with the items she requested be included for discussion.

Miss Buemi reminded Mr. Freda that she is still waiting to have a meeting with the Town Attorney to discuss legal issues postponed from a BOS meeting in April of 2020. Mr. Freda acknowledged Miss Buemi's reminder and said he would work on arranging that.

Miss Buemi and Mr. Freda discussed the anticipated 21/22 budget process. Mr. Freda stated that prior to the governor's notice today of relaxing the COVID restrictions he was intending on having a budget referendum as scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The referendum would follow the same safety protocols as the November election. He also stated that he was intending on permitting public comment at the budget hearing scheduled for April 6, 2021 by utilizing a ZOOM format with himself, Ed Swinkoski and Patrick Stirk, with questions coming from a ZOOM audience and also via telephone. He

was also hoping that by the time of the Annual Budget Town Meeting, scheduled for May 10, 2021 that we may be able to have that in person with distancing. He is going to review the new protocols taking effect on March 19th and decide. Miss Buemi commented that she felt strongly that the public should be included in this year's budget process and was hopeful that at the very least the public hearing could be virtual with public comment and the budget town meeting in person.

Miss Buemi then continued on to discuss public comment for Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Fire and Police Commission meetings. She has been advocating for public comment at these meetings for some time. Mr. Freda explained that his office answers many phone calls from residents on many issues, and he is frequently accessible to respond to public comment on social media as well as taking phone calls. He also noted that we did include the email address for public comment on last month's agenda and received none through that address. It is also on this agenda as well. He also advised that he has asked Valerie to work with Alex (IT Manager) on arranging a call in public comment format at future meetings.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Freda noted that we did receive correspondence from Mr. Fowler regarding his desire to have public comment return to meetings, and that has just been discussed. He also stated that the Board also received correspondence from Mr. George suggesting that North Haven recognize our canine unit with Police Dog Appreciation Day. Mr. Freda advised that he passed Mr. George's suggestion onto the police chief that he is not inclined at this time to do that.

The Board briefly discussed whether to authorize the First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, to execute an Environmental Land Use Restriction and related documents for the real property acquired by the Town of North Haven from 415 Washington Ave Partners LLC for the extension of Valley Service Road to the existing service road to Washington Avenue. Mr. Freda explained the purpose of the ELUR and Miss Buemi and Mr. Pieper made several comments.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution:
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

RESOLVED: The First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, is authorized to execute an Environmental Land Use Restriction and related documents for the real property acquired by the Town of North Haven from 415 Washington Ave Partners LLC for the extension of Valley Service Road to the existing service road to Washington Avenue.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the release of the following bond.
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

#I05-23 828 Thompson Street

Amount of original bond \$200,000.00

Current balance of bond \$200,000.00

Release in its entirety with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the release of the following bond.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #I19-13 409 Washington Avenue
Amount of original bond \$30,000.00
Current balance of bond \$30,000.00
Released in its entirety with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the release of the following bond.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #I15-01 87 North Hill Road
Amount of original bond \$2,500.00
Current balance of bond \$2,500.00
Release in its entirety with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the release of the following bond.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- # P20-21 9-11 Defco Park Road
Amount of original bond \$3,500.00
Current balance of bond \$3,500.00
Release in its entirety with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the release of the following bond.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #P15-05 87 North Hill Road
Amount of original bond \$115,500.00
Current balance of bond \$50,000.00
Release in its entirety with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Town Engineer, *contingent upon formal Town acceptance of Mikey's Way by the Town's legislative body at Town Meeting.*

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the following Property Tax Refunds:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- Acar Leasing, LTD – PO Box 1990, Forth Worth, TX 76101 in the amount of \$282.84.
- Ari Fleet LT Ltd – 4001 Leadenhall Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 in the amount of \$494.90; and in the amount of \$494.90; and in the amount of \$494.90.
- CCAP Auto Lease – 1601 Elm Street, Ste 800, Dallas, TX 75201 in the amount of 96.62.
- Claus, Susan / Claus, Thomas – 7 Marlen Drive in the amount of \$64.48.
- Coughlin, James / Coughlin, Maryann – 10 Rose Lane in the amount of \$13.60.
- Derienzo, Joseph / Derienzo, Phillip – 100 Bailey Road in the amount of \$220.01.
- Executive Landscaping, Inc. – 37 Nettleton Avenue in the amount of \$710.90.
- Honda Lease Trust – 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040 in the amount of \$552.04; and in the amount of \$223.78.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Trust – 4100 Wildwood Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339-8400 in the amount of \$258.36; and in the amount of \$316.73 and in the amount of \$80.92; and in the amount of \$355.43.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank – PO BOX 901098, Fort Worth, TX 76101 in the amount of \$215.10.
- Longley, Christopher – 227 Blue Hills Road in the amount of \$15.59.
- Pittala, Margaret – 11782 Granite Woods Loop, Venice, Florida 34292 in the amount of \$191.57.

Mr. Freda advised that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, April 1, 2021 in conference room 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall.

With no additional business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi –yes