

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JUNE 3, 2021

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, June 3, 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 Selectwoman Sally Buemi and Selectman William Pieper.

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 May 6, 2021 .

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

Mr. Freda dispensed with an in-depth overview and mentioned a few topics including the Memorial Day Ceremony on the Green and the Parade that was rescheduled to Saturday, June 5th. Mr. Freda also stated that he would like to get back to in person meetings with a hybrid approach allowing people to call in. He asked for feedback from the Selectmen as to whether we should commence with them in July or August. After a brief discussion it was agreed that effective with the July meeting we will allow for in person attendance with a call-in component.

The Board received correspondence from Gary George regarding ASL interpreters/closed captioning services for Town Meetings. Mr. Freda stated that we have already been working on this. At this time our meetings which are available online on NHTV and the Town website are able to be viewed with closed captioning. What we are working on now is having the ability for NHTV to provide closed captioning during a live broadcast. That technology is expensive and we are looking into how to attain it in the near future. Miss Buemi noted that Mr. George requested having an ASL interpreter at the meetings. Miss Buemi felt that was cost prohibitive. She also mentioned that many of Mr. Freda's communications during the pandemic were accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation that provided the information to be viewed on the screen. The Board discussed the matter and Mr. Freda concluded that he is committed to attaining the technology to provide for

live closed captioning on the televised meetings.

The Board then moved onto the next item on the agenda regarding the approval of the dates of the 2022 Board of Selectmen’s meetings. The Board entered into a brief discussion regarding modifying the time of the meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm with the intention of making it easier for people to attend and get home at a reasonable time in the evening. Mr. Freda noted that perhaps it would help with the public’s attendance as sometimes once you get home from work, you may not feel like going back out when its late. The Board agreed to change the time to 6:00 pm and should there be significant opposition, they may change it back to 7:00 pm.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the meeting dates for 2022 which will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven. Dates as follows:

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| January 6, 2022 | February 3, 2022 | March 3, 2022 | April 7, 2022 |
| May 5, 2022 | June 2, 2022 | July 7, 2022 | August 4, 2022 |
| September 1, 2022 | October 6, 2022 | November 3, 2022 | December 1, 2022 |

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Nupur Garg, MD, (D) 114 Upper State Street to the Board of Assessment Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Danielle Morfi, term to expire November 30, 2023.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to approve the following property tax refunds.

- Acar Leasing LTD – 4001 Embarcadero Drive, Arlington, TX 76014, in the amount of \$212.43; and in the amount of \$339.73.
- Allen, Matthew – 898 Totoket Road, Northford, CT 06472, in the amount of \$110.87.
- Financial Ser Veh Trust – 5550 Britton Pkwy, Hilliard, OH 43026, in the amount of \$ 708.59.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265, in the amount of \$226.71.
- Reilly, John N. Jr. – 112 Riverside Drive, Hamden, CT 06518, in the amount of \$49.13.
- VCFs Auto Leasing CO – 1 Volvo Drive, Rockleigh, NJ 07647, in the amount of \$1,197.77.

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

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs Conference Room 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Miss Buemi had a few comments prior to adjourning. She also asked Mr. Freda about an article in the New Haven Register regarding the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program. Miss Buemi stated that we had a significant increase in the PILOT at approximately 60%. She was concerned that the article stated that the PILOT has not been funded and does Mr. Freda have any concerns.

Mr. Freda explained that there is presently two points of view on this – one is being led by Senator Looney, the original intention of the Bill to increase the PILOT to the towns each year versus the Governor's desire to keep the funding the same the first year and phase it out or down over subsequent years. Mr. Freda stated he would be attending a press conference on the subject, but it has not been decided yet and he is not really sure which way it will go.

With no additional business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

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