

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AUGUST 5, 2021

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, August 5, 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 7:02 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.

Mr. Freda asked for any public comment relative to the agenda, hearing none he moved to the next item on the agenda.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of July 1, 2021.

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

Mr. Freda provided a brief overview including information on a COVID update including our current positivity rate and vaccination data for North Haven. He also shared data on vaccine rates in our region and commented that we are doing very well in North Haven with the percentage of residents who have been fully vaccinated. He also discussed single stream recycling and a campaign that was a collaboration of a Town resident, staff and the Quinnipiac Fellow who interned with Lynn Sadosky for the summer. He then moved on to economic development sharing the latest information on new businesses coming into Town. He concluded by advising everyone that the Town is planning a 20th anniversary commemorative service for 9/11 on the Town Green on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 am.

The Board members entered into a discussion regarding vaccinations and the public's right to choose whether or not to vaccinate. As well as the Governor's executive order to allow individual municipalities to set their own mandates on masks, etc. Although they all respected a person's right to choose, they agreed that in light of the rise in COVID cases, vaccines are still our best defense. Mr. Freda stated that at this time he has no intention of making mandates under the executive order, but has instituted a policy in Town buildings requiring masks for employees and visitors. At the conclusion of their

discussion, Miss Buemi made a motion with a second from Mr. Pieper stating that the Board of Selectmen formally encourage people to wear masks inside public places, continue social distancing and also encourage those who are unvaccinated, to do so.

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

The Selectmen then discussed correspondence received by Mr. George. Mr. Freda commented that he already discussed the recycling in his overview and Miss Buemi commented that we have already had an event on the Green in memory of those who have passed from COVID. They also discussed the availability of closed captioning on the videos of Town meetings that can be viewed by the link provided on our Town website.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of North Haven may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael J. Freda, as Chief Elected Official of The Town of North Haven, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of North Haven and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

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

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

- Altieri, Raymond / Altieri, Amanda – 149 North Hill Road, in the amount of \$33.33.
- Demartino, Joanne – 15 Fallon Drive, in the amount of \$20.42.
- Napierkowski, Joseph / Napierkowski, T A – 338 Kings Highway, in the amount of \$6.58.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – PO Box 650214, Dallas TX 75265 – in the amount of \$400.31.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Tax Operations / Property Tax, PO Box 650214, Dallas TX 75265, in the amount of \$231.93; and in the amount of \$115.69; and in the amount of \$260.56; and in the amount of \$256.66; and in the amount of \$517.75; and in the amount of \$25.56; and in the amount of \$80.18; and in the amount of \$266.13; and in the amount of \$332.94.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs Conference Room 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then opened the meeting to public comment. Mr. Raymond Fowler addressed the Board and proceeded to praise the leadership of Mr. Freda and the efforts of Town staff along with members of our boards and commissions who through a global pandemic kept the Town running very well and continued to provide exemplary service to the residents of North Haven. Mr. Freda thanked Mr. Fowler for his kind remarks.

Hearing no other comment, and no further business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

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