

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, September 2, 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.

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 August 5, 2021.

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

Mr. Freda motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to amend the agenda to move items 9 and 10 up on the agenda to precede Mr. Freda's overview.

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

Mr. Freda then invited Ms. Lynn Sadosky to address the Board to provide the background information on the resolution before them to discontinue a 3,213 square foot portion of Sellot Street as a Town road, said portion being more particularly described in Schedule A to the Quit Claim Deed approved by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on May 6, 2021. Ms. Sadosky explained that there is a new business on Nettleton Street and the owner requested the purchase of a small piece of the dead-end street to provide a safer and wider access to his business. She explained the process that has been completed including notifying the abutters via certified mail, posting of signs, etc. Miss Buemi questioned why the Quick Claim Deed is being signed by Mr. Swinkoski and not the First Selectman. After a brief discussion, Town Attorney Jenifer Coppola suggested that the Quick Claim Deed be modified to allow for Mr. Freda's signature.

Following the discussion, Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to approve

the following resolution:

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Town Meeting that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13a-49, the 3,213 square foot portion of Sellot Street described in the Quit Claim Deed approved by the Board of Selectmen at its May 6, 2021 meeting be discontinued as a Town road and the First Selectman be authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate said discontinuance.

Mr. Freda provided an overview of several topics including an update following storm Ida that recently caused major flooding throughout the Town, a Covid-19 update, the ARPA funding, as well as an economic development update. He concluded with advising everyone that the Town will be holding a September 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Service on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> on the Town Green.

Mr. Freda then invited Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola to provide information on Town's need to form a Housing Advisory Committee. Ms. Coppola explained recent legislation regarding 8-30j pertaining to affordable housing. Every town in Connecticut will be required to formulate an Affordable Housing Plan by June 1, 2022, and every five years thereafter. She advised that it will be very important to involve the community in the process and there will need to be data gathering, analysis and goals developed. After providing additional information on the subject Ms. Coppola advised that the Town will be appointing community members to a Housing Advisory Committee that will be instrumental in the process of the development of the required Affordable Housing Plan. We are presently recruiting these individuals and anticipate appointing them at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting in October.

Ms. Coppola then provided information on additional recent legislation regarding accessory dwellings, recreational cannabis, traffic and parking, cottage food licensing and regulations, public meeting procedures, and planning and zoning commission member training and certification requirements.

Miss Buemi asked to review several items that she wanted clarification on following the August Board of Finance meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued with Miss Buemi having several comments and questions regarding the ARPA funding, the revenue budget, Mr. Freda's calculations he provided that evening, the accounting of MRSA/ Municipal Grant in Aid, the budget deficit, as well as the Board of Education's memo regarding their recap of the FY 20-21 budget their surplus and the accounting of same.

The Selectmen discussed the naming of the newly reconstructed concession stand at Vanacore Field as the "Anthony Longley Concession Stand". Miss Buemi reminded Mr. Freda that several years ago she had brought up her desire to honor the memory of two former football players, Todd Carr who passed from ALS and John Liquori who was killed after being struck by a car. She wondered if there was a way to name the entire facility, which more than just a concession stand, after Anthony Longley and then at a future date add two plaques in the other areas of the facility in honor of Carr and Liquori. Mr. Freda said that the additional plaques would need to be discussed further at a later date,

but did agree with changing the name from concession stand to athletic facility.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to amend the agenda to change concession stand to athletic facility.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Town Meeting, the newly reconstructed concession stand at Vanacore Field be named the “Anthony Longley Concession Stand.”

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

Realizing that the Board inadvertently skipped over item number 8 concerning correspondence, Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to address the agenda item at this time.

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

Mr. Freda acknowledged correspondence from Mr. Gary George regarding North Haven’s responsibility to provide relocation for Afghanistan refugees. Mr. Freda explained how the IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) works to assist refugees. Mr. Pieper noted that he donates to IRIS and there are many opportunities for individuals to get involved.

The Board commented on several of Mr. George’s questions regarding the COVID data regarding vaccinations and positivity rates.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to amend Item C on the call of the Town Meeting to reflect the changes from Concession Stand to Athletic Facility.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to call for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, September 20, 2021 in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut, at 7:00 P.M., to consider and act upon the following:

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

- A. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$945,456.68 (nine hundred forty-five thousand, four hundred fifty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents.)

- B. To consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the discontinuance, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13a-49, of a 3,213 s.f. portion of Sellot Street as a Town road.
- C. To consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the naming of the newly reconstructed concession stand at Vanacore Field as the “Anthony Longley Concession Stand”.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to accept the resignation of Kevin Rossi formerly of 555 Pool Road # 206, North Haven, CT from the Housing Authority, term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to accept the resignation of Hugh Davis (D), formerly of 1261 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT from the Conservation Commission, term to expire August 31, 2023.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to accept the resignation of Hugh Davis (D), formerly of 1261 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT from the Open Space Commission, term to expire December 31, 2021.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to accept the resignation of Michael J. Zuccarelli, Jr. (R), 520 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT from the Board of Fire Commissioners, term to expire November 30, 2021.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the appointment of Christen Quijano (D), 141 Culver Lane, North Haven, CT to the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Hugh Davis expiring on August 31, 2023.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Robin M. Clark (U), 75 Hartley Street, North Haven, CT to the Board of Ethics, term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the appointment of Vincenzo Gallo (R), 168 Upper State Street, North Haven, CT to the Board of Fire Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Michael J. Zuccarelli, Jr., expiring on November 30, 2021.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approved the following Property Tax Refunds-

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

- Divirgilio, Achille V., Estate of – 164 Spring Road, in the amount of \$144.83.
- Meinstein, Bruce R. – 15 Highland Park Road, in the amount of \$12.29.
- Primo Trucking, LLC – 164 Spring Road, in the amount of \$218.96.
- Tossetti, William and Linda – 121 Shawmut Avenue, in the amount of \$62.20.
- Toyota Lease Trust – 20 Commerce Way, Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801, in the amount of \$328.55; and in the amount of \$158.20.
- Varney, Lori & Maurice F. Jr. – 2 Cindy Lane, in the amount of \$15.36.
- Volpe, John – 94 Summer Lane, in the amount of \$34.05.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Hearing no public comment and not further business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

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