

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 6, 2022

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 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 6:30 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 Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 2, 2021.

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

Mr. Freda then proceeded with a brief overview of the recent spike in COVID cases, vaccines, test kits, masks, services being impacted and recent infections among Town employees.

Following his overview, Mr. Freda invited Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works to the microphone to provide a summary of the next item on the agenda involving an application by the Town for a Connecticut Communities Challenge Grant for Completion of Center Block Refurbishments. Ms. Sadosky shared with the Board some of the projects that would be completed should the grant be awarded. She also explained that the funding would be 50% by DECD and 50% ARPA for a total of \$2.8 Million.

After a brief discussion, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution.

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

## **RESOLUTION FOR CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE GRANT (CCC GRANT) COMPLETION OF CENTER BLOCK REFURBISHMENTS:**

Whereas, pursuant to Connecticut State Public Act No. 21-2 (2021), sec 488, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects: and

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of North Haven make an application to the state for \$1,400,000.00 in order to fund 50% of the cost for completion of phase 2 for center block refurbishments.

Now, therefore, be resolved by the Board of Selectmen That the Town, through its First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, is authorized to apply to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for a 2022 CT Communities Challenge Grant Program Round #1, 50% Matching Grant in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 to be used towards the Center Block Refurbishment Project; and

Further authorize First Selectman Michael J. Freda to execute documents directly related to this application, including an Assistance Agreement and any other documents required to effectuate the application and Assistance Agreement.

Moving to the next item on the agenda the Board entered into a brief discussion to consider and act upon a resolution recommending to the Town Meeting, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13a-49, the discontinuance of a (approximately) 7,987 square foot portion of Mountain Brook Road as a Town Right of Way approved by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on October 7, 2021. Ms. Sadosky provided a brief overview of the process explaining that it now will need to go to a Town Meeting as the last phase in the sale. Miss Buemi noted that when the sale of this property was brought before the Board at their October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, she voted against it reiterating that she felt the best way to keep the property from being developed was to have the Town maintain ownership.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Mr. Freda for the approval of the following resolution.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – no

RESOLVED: that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Town Meeting, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13a-49, the discontinuance of a (approximately) 7,987 square foot portion of Mountain Brook Road as a Town Right of Way, said portion being more particularly described in Schedule A to the Quit Claim Deed approved by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on October 7, 2021.

Supporting the Town Meeting form of government, Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:

- a) 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 (approximately) 7,987 s.f. portion of Mountain Brook Road as a Town Right of Way.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Peter Fuhrmann (R), 106 Mountain View Terrace to the Building Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2026.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Pamela Sletten (D), 9 Frost Drive as an Alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Gina Falcigno (R), 11 Saint John Street, #A-2 to the Library Board of Directors for a six (6) year term to expire December 31, 2027.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the appointment of Ginger Ballough (U), 555 Pool Road, Apt. 307 as tenant commissioner on the North Haven Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Rossi to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Martin Rudnick (R), 128 Summer Lane to the Cemetery Commission to fill a vacancy, term to expire June 30, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the appointment of James J. Thompson (R), 18 Carriage Drive to the Board of Ethics for a Three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the appointment of James J. Lianos, 59 Juniper Drive to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Board of Finance for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Sandra Stetson, 542 Middletown Avenue, to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Conservation Commission for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Mary Lou Stamp, 134 Middletown Avenue to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Brian Cummings 107 Clintonville Road, to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Mark Cofrancesco, 6 Frost Drive, to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Land Trust for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Stephen J. Fitzgerald, 34 River Road, to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the First Selectman for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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

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

# P06-25 828 Thompson Street

Amount of original bond \$243,463.00

Current balance of bond \$100,000.00

Release in its entirety with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the release of the Property Tax Refunds-

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

- Acar Leasing LTD – PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX 76101 in the amount of \$57.17; and in the amount of \$323.38; and in the amount of \$74.17; and in the amount of \$518.32; and in the amount of \$201.61; and in the amount of \$287.60; and in the amount of \$489.67; and in the amount of \$251.36.
- Barnabei, Christopher – 22 Postman Highway in the amount of \$394.41.
- CCAP Auto Lease – 1601 Elm Street, Ste 800, Dallas, TX 75201, in the amount of \$465.87.
- Chiaia, Maria – 9 Cricket Court in the amount of \$53.36.
- Enterprise FM Trust – Attn: PPT Team, 9315 Olive Blvd, St Louis, MO 63132 in the amount of \$169.34; and in the amount of \$552.57; and in the amount of \$409.51; and in the amount of \$144.70.
- Honda Lease Trust – 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501 in the amount of \$338.11; and in the amount of \$136.50; and in the amount of \$183.80.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank – PO Box 901098, Fort Worth, TX 76101 in the amount of \$85.89; and in the amount of \$138.10; and in the amount of \$250.74.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – Tax Operation/Property Tax, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265 in the amount of \$58.03; and in the amount of \$357.46; and in the amount of \$76.25; and in the amount of \$440.07; and in the amount of \$141.31; and in the amount of \$229.00; and in the amount of \$331.37; and in the amount of \$457.42.
- Solimine, James – 6 Bunker Hill Road in the amount of \$487.06.
- Toyota Lease Trust – 20 Commerce Way, Ste 800, Woburn, MA 01801 in the amount of \$283.30; and in the amount of \$49.87; and in the amount of \$57.92; and in the amount of \$141.70; and in the amount of \$108.87; and in the amount of \$310.11; and in the amount of \$450.73; and in the amount of \$447.75; and in the amount of \$523.30; and in the amount of \$432.03; and in the amount of \$402.92; and in the amount of \$290.95; and in the amount of \$141.73; and in the amount of \$257.51; and in the amount of \$166.60; and in the amount of \$411.67; and in the amount of \$515.78; and in the amount of \$387.32; and in the amount of \$220.87; and in the amount of \$584.10; and in the amount of \$546.06; and in the amount of \$400.85; and in the amount of \$237.54; and in the amount of \$478.46; and in the amount of \$556.47; and in the amount of \$463.81; and in the amount of \$387.32; and in the amount of \$379.33; and in the amount of \$584.10; and in the amount of \$138.16; and in the amount of \$84.45; and in the amount of \$122.53; and in the amount of \$387.32; and in the amount of \$702.89; and in the amount of \$702.89; and in the amount of \$702.89; and in the amount of \$60.92; and in the amount of \$867.41; and in the amount of \$356.35.
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial, Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290 in the amount of \$505.13; and in the amount of \$145.47; and in the amount of \$143.68; and in the amount of \$478.21.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD – 1401 Franklin Blvd, Liberryville, IL 60048 in the amount of \$ 44.84.

Mr. Freda advised that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday February 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Ms. Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive, had several comments, commending Mr. Freda and the Board for their advocacy of vaccinations and masks, a request for the projected item costs for the Center Block Grant and a final comment regarding the sale of Mountain Brook Road property.

There being no further business before the Board Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

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