

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, February 3, 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, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to amend the agenda to include item 3. a – Approval of the Minutes of the Budget Workshop of January 18, 2022, and 3.b – Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of January 20, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen’s Meeting of January 6, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with second from Miss Buemi for the approval of the Budget Workshop of January 18, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of January 20, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi spoke of the recent initiative identify a person to represent North Haven as the Town’s Poet Laureate. She recapped the process and thanked her fellow committee members that took on the task. She then introduced Ms. Gabriella Brand as the Town’s Poet Laureate and presented her with an engraved desk pen gift generously donated by Arnold’s Jewelers.

Ms. Brand then beautifully recited two poems that she wrote for the occasion. The Selectmen and members of the public in attendance were all very delighted and enjoyed not only the content of the poems, but the captivating manner in which Ms. Brand recited them.

Mr. Freda gave a brief update informing everyone that while we are all suffering the passing of our Finance Director, Ed Swinkoski, who we miss dearly, that we will continue with the budget making process and that he was very much involved in the Town's finances and that everyone can rest assured that although we are facing challenges with Ed's absence, we are completely operational.

He then provided a quick update on the progress of the Affordable Housing Committee. He advised that a new survey was being made available on the Town's website and paper copies placed in several buildings, and encouraged everyone to take the time to complete the survey because it is important to have the public's input in the preparation of the Town's Affordable Housing Plan which will be due in June.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to accept the resignation of Jonathan Lewin (D), 78 Allendale Drive from the Board of Ethics term to expire December 31, 2024.  
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to accept the resignation of James J. Thompson (R), 18 Carriage Drive from the Board of Ethics term to expire December 31, 2024.  
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Cheryl Juniewicz, 101 Knollwood Road to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands 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 from Miss Buemi for the appointment of James Lorusso, Jr. (U), 93 Arrowdale Road to a full seat on the Inland Wetlands Commission to fill a vacancy term to expire December 31, 2025.  
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

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

- Acar Leasing LTD – PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX 76101 in the amount of \$379.73.
- Bennett, Daniel – 4 Highland Drive in the amount of \$357.37.
- Berey, Robert – 25 Village St. # 2 in the amount of \$169.06.
- Dennis, Megan/ Dennis, Andrew – 7 Snug Harbor Drive, South Yarmouth, MA

02664 in the amount of \$91.02; and in the amount of \$ 122.78; and in the amount of \$19.75.

- Kauffman, Loretta – 164 State St Unit S318 in the amount of \$19.04.
- Lee Partyka – 7 Snug Harbor Drive, South Yarmouth, MA 02664 – in the amount of \$117.50; and in the amount of \$122.78; and in the amount of \$103.98; and in the amount of \$208.95.
- USB Leasing LT – 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$50.36.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD – 1401 Franklin Blvd, Liberryville, IL 60048 in the amount of \$198.20; and in the amount of \$143.61; and in the amount of \$58.98; and in the amount of \$75.41; and in the amount of \$216.76; and in the amount of \$38.93; and in the amount of \$44.39.

Mr. Freda advised that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday March 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 concerning the housing survey, the mask and COVID test kit distribution and the two resignations from the Ethics Board. Mr. Freda explained the potential conflict of interest having two members of political town committees serving on the Ethics Board.

There being no further business before the Board Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

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