

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAY 5, 2022

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, May 5, 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.

There being no comments relative to 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 April 7, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi to accept the resignation of Kathy Spinato-Grant (D), 28 Sheffield Road from the Blight Prevention Appeals Board as an alternate, 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 Laurie M. Reynolds (R), 29 MacArthur Road to the Community Services Commission term to expire December 31, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Peiper to approve the following resolution.

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

## **RESOLUTION SMALL CITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR TEMPLE PINES IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of

Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of North Haven make application to the State for \$1,500,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of North Haven in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman of North Haven is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of North Haven.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to amend the following resolution to include item (3) installation of grandstand seating at the middle school synthetic turf fields

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to approve the following amended resolution:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$3,500,000 for athletic field improvements, consisting of (1) installation of dugouts, grandstand seating, a press box and protective netting, restroom facilities improvements, additional parking, field improvements, and other related improvements at the girls high school softball field, and (2) relocation of the field, installation of dugouts, additional seating, a press box, batting cages and protective netting, additional parking, and other related improvements at the boys high school baseball field; (3) installation of grandstand seating at the middle school synthetic turf fields; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs,

equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance the appropriation.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution calling for a Special Town Meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that subject to the Board of Finance's recommendation of the appropriation and bond authorization, a Special Town Meeting be held Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, to act upon the above recommendation concerning the \$3,500,000 appropriation and bond authorization for athletic field improvements; and that the Notice for the Special Town Meeting presented at this meeting be approved and signed.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi 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 \$153.18; and in the amount of \$520.97; and in the amount of \$91.59.
- Milligan, Kenneth – 25403 E. Second Ave, Aurora, CO 80018 in the amount of \$163.75.
- Nissan Infiniti LT – PO Box 650214 in the amount of \$278.85; and in the amount of \$347.39; and in the amount of \$229.00.
- Scheidecker, Robert & Barbara – 59 Grove Road in the amount of \$399.24.
- Toyota Lease Trust – 20 Commerce Way Ste 800, Woburn, MA 01801 in the amount of \$147.29; and in the amount of \$142.64.
- USB Leasing LT – 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$541.27; and in the amount of \$515.16.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD – 1401 Franklin Blvd, Liberryville, IL 60048 in the amount of \$54.36.
- Zummo, Dayna – 100 Samoset Avenue in the amount of \$94.42.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday June 2, 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.

He then opened the meeting to public Comment. Mr. Chris Spaldi, firefighter from local 297 thanked the Mr. Freda and the Board for their support and assistance including additional personnel, apparatus and the new fire training tower at the Northeast Fire

Station. He invited the Board to attend a controlled simulation event being held at the tower on 9/24/22 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive, made several comments concerning the \$1.9M refurbishment of the track using ARPA funds and the \$3.5M proposed bonding package on the agenda.

Mr. Dave Mikos, Central Avenue, spoke in support of the bonding package to enhance the athletic fields.

There being no further business before the Board Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

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