

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF
November 2, 2023**

A special meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 5:30 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 5:30 pm and welcomed Selectwoman Sally Buemi and Selectman William Pieper.

The Selectmen then proceeded in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 5, 2023.

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

Mr. Freda dispensed with his overview and invited Miss Buemi to speak on the discussion item she requested pertaining to the date of the 2024 Budget Referendum. Miss Buemi expressed her thoughts on the date of the referendum being the day after the Annual Budget Town Meeting. She provided her reason why she felt we shouldn't and why she felt it was also a violation of the state statute. She understood that the dates fell that way because of the calendar and the 1st of the month being on a Wednesday, which made the Board of Finance's meeting on the 3rd Wednesday fall earlier. She noted that in 2019, the 1st of the month also fell on a Wednesday and the referendum was 8 days after the Annual Budget Town Meeting and the Board of Finance met on the 4th Wednesday of the month to set the mill rate. She also stated that she felt that having the referendum the day after the Annual Budget Town Meeting does not give people enough time to review the budget meeting if they are not able to attend. We have had budgets that have change significantly after the public hearing, so she felt it important to give people enough time to digest the changes and learn about the budget. She also felt that it was a violation of section 7-7 of the Connecticut State Statues. The Selectmen discussed the matter, with Mr. Pieper stating that he does not agree with her opinion that it would violate the statute. Also, Mr. Freda noted that we did confer with Attorney Jeff Donofrio, who also did not see a

violation of the statute. After listening to Miss Buemi’s point of view, Mr. Freda said that he could understand her reasoning as to why we shouldn’t have the referendum the following day after the Annual Budget Town Meeting. Mr. Freda said that he would ask the Board of Finance to revisit the budget making schedule and make a determination whether to keep the dates or change them.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of North Haven authorize the auction and disposal of the following surplus public works equipment and vehicles. The Director of Procurement and Administration, Richard Monico, is authorized to determine acceptable bid offers and or take said equipment/vehicles to alternate auction locations. All revenue received will return to the Town’s general fund.

- 4-NOKIAN 20.5-R25 Used Loader Tires
- 8-225/70/19.5 Used Truck Tires
- Sure Stripe- Line Striping Machine
- 2011 Ford Escape Vin #1FMCU9DG6BKC01403
- 2008 PETERBILT 320 Rear Load Refuse Truck Vin #3BPZL50X39F718665
- Henderson Sander
- John Deere Hay Rake Attachment
- Toro 325D Parts – New and Used
- Bench Mounted Sheetmetal Break
- 2 – Used Work Benches
- Snap On Floor Jack
- Used Tenco All Season Body

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the resignation of Theresa Ranciato-Viele (D) formerly of 100 Bassett Road from the Planning and Zoning Commission term to expire November 30, 2025.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Jennifer Caldwell (D) 69 Kimberly Circle to the Commission on Aging to fill the unexpired term of Joseph P. Villano (Deceased), term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Mr. Freda for the release of the following Property Tax Refunds:

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

- Acar Leasing LTD – PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX 76101 – in the amount of \$320.02; and in the amount of \$314.34; and in the amount of \$653.65.
- Banton Construction Company –339 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$10.07.
- Bergeron, Robert / Bergeron, Sherry – 65 Potter Road, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$10.88.
- Carlson, Raymond – 604 Skiff Street, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$133.41.
- CCAP Auto Lease, LTD. – Attn: Accounts Receivable, PO Box 961272, Fort Worth, TX 76161 – in the amount of \$374.92; and in the amount of \$607.81; and in the amount of \$561.88; and in the amount of \$1,298.72; and in the amount of \$113.35; and in the amount of \$95.51; and in the amount of \$642.38.
- Conway, William – 32 Old Barnabas, R2, Woodbridge, CT 06525 – in the amount of \$21.61.
- Depascale, Anna / Despacale, Alfonso – 66 Bailey Road North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$7.60.
- Gifford, Holly – 230 Clintonville Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$235.39.
- Glenn-Long, Deborrah / Long, James – 26 Cindy Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$20.77.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Trust – PO Box 4747, Oak Brook, IL 60522 – in the amount of \$742.36.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank – 700 Kansas Lane, LA4 4041, Monroe, LA 71203 – in the amount of \$527.60.
- McLean, John – 2165 Whitney Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$4.84.
- Muzio, Casey – 1937 Hartford Tpke, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$626.48.
- Pellegrino, Frank / Pellegrino, Elda – 360 Mansfield Road, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$55.65.
- Stanish, John – 355 Skiff Street, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$72.39.
- Toyota Lease Trust – 20 Commerce Way, Ste 800, Woburn, MA 01801 – in the amount of \$908.46; and in the amount of \$661.21.
- Varney, Maurice – 2 Cindy Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$16.23.
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290 – in the amount of \$325.32; and in the amount of \$261.50; and in the amount of \$383.06; and in the amount of \$325.35; and in the amount of \$308.21; and in the amount of \$456.71; and in the amount of \$145.94.
- Zaino, Peter – 131 Sugar Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 – in the amount of \$777.74.

Before opening the meeting to public comment, Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday December 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room # 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Ms. Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive, had several comments; thanking the Board for their bipartisan cooperation; the revenue from the auctioned items going into the general fund – will it be under misc or something else; and lastly encouraged everyone to come out to vote on November 7th.

With no further business to come before the Board and hearing no additional public comment, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 6:12 PM.

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