

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 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.

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 by Mr. Pieper for the approval of the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of the of January 5, 2023 meeting.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the approval of the Board of Selectmen's Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the approval of the Board of Selectmen's special meeting minutes of January 26, 2023.

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

Mr. Freda dispensed with his overview and asked Ms. Goodkin to share information regarding the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program. Ms. Goodkin advised that during the month of February Stop & Shop will donate a \$1.00 for every Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold in the North Haven Store to the Town's Community Services Food Bank. Mr. Freda and the Board thanked Stop & Shop for their generosity.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the following resolution:

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

**RESOLVED** that the Town of North Haven may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, any and all documents which it deems be necessary or appropriate for an Urban Act grant of \$250,000 for the Bailey Road Baseball Field Improvements project located at 55 Bailey Road in North Haven, Connecticut; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michael J. Freda as First Selectman of the Town of North Haven is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of North Haven and to do and perform all acts and things, which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents. Michael J. Freda now holds the office of First Selectman and further, he has held the office since December 1, 2009.

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, as agent for the South-Central Regional Council of Governments and participating municipalities, has undertaken the permitting construction and operation of a regional facility for the collection of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generator business waste at its headquarters at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities participating in the facility are able to have residents drop off their household hazardous wastes on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon, and conditionally exempt small quantity generators deliver business waste on Saturday morning, by appointment from 7:00 am to 8:30 am, from spring through fall for proper processing, transportation and disposal;

**WHEREAS**, the facility is owned, managed and operated under the supervision of the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the benefit of the participating municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN THAT:** The Town of North Haven declares its commitment to continue participation in the regional household hazardous waste collection center for a minimum three-year period (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026), and confirms its intent to contribute financially for the operation, processing, transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste on behalf of its residents.

The Town of North Haven authorizes its First Selectman to enter into this agreement with the South-Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority for the operation of the facility. Such agreement will permit the Authority to act as its agent to maintain the facility, to contract with a vendor for the transportation and disposal of the hazardous wastes, to

receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities and to operate the facility.

Invoicing will be based on a two-part formula:

1. Annual operational costs are based on the number of 1 and 2 family housing units in North Haven; and
2. Annual transportation and waste disposal costs are prorated by residents' usage.

This resolution shall be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Town Meeting that the construction of a new bandstand on the North Haven Town Green at 19 Church Street be approved.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Town Meeting that the proposed Tax Agreement between the Town of North Haven and North Haven Solar One, LLC relative to the development of an electric generating facility on land located at 122 Mill Road, North Haven be approved.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, February 27, 2023 in the upstairs conference room #1, North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut, at 6:00 pm to consider and act upon the following:

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

- a. To consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the approval for the construction of a new bandstand on the North Haven Town Green at 19 Church Street.
- b. To consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the approval of a proposed Tax Agreement between the Town of North Haven and North Haven Solar One, LLC relative to the development of an electric generating facility on land located at 122 Mill Road, North Haven.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Linda A. Nielsen (R), 15 Sachem Drive to the Community Services Commission term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper for the appointment of Nupur Garg (U), 114 Upper State Street to the Commission on Aging 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 Robert Brancato (U), 1953 Whitney Avenue, Apt. C2 to the Board of Ethics term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Cheryl Juniewicz, 101 Knollwood Road to the Open Space Advisory Committee with the recommendation of the Inland Wetland Commission, term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

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

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

**#I18-17      381 State Street**

Amount of original bond \$3,500.00

Current balance of bond \$3,500.00

Release the entire bond balance of \$3,500.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Town Engineer.

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

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

**#I22-09      66 Todd Drive South**

Amount of original bond \$3,500.00

Current balance of bond \$3,500.00

Release the entire bond balance of \$3,500.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Town Engineer.

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

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

**#I16-10      113-117 Upper State Street**

Amount of original bond \$5,000.00

Current balance of bond \$5,000.00

Release the entire bond balance of \$5,000.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Town Engineer.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second by Miss Buemi for the following Property Tax Refunds:

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

- Berg-Johnsen, Jon – 4340 Sage Green Terrace, Sarasota, Florida 34243 in the amount of \$35.99; and in the amount of \$133.98.
- Bolek, Geoffrey / Kronfeld, Melinda – 96 Scrub Oak Road in the amount of \$38.16.
- Daimler Trust – 14372 Heritage Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177 in the amount of \$333.72; and in the amount of \$313.95.
- Ferraro, Andrew – 36 Spring Road in the amount of \$7.68.
- Gabrielli Truck Leasing LLC – 277 New Park Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 in the amount of \$109.97.
- Goodkin, Lauren – 25 Winchester Drive in the amount of \$192.09.
- Healy, Nicholas – 221 Wiese Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410 in the amount of \$21.38.
- Kozlozki, Caitlin – 175 R Pool Road in the amount of \$196.76.
- McGrory, George / McGrory, Linda – 511 Elm Street Ext, Unit 8-4, in the amount of \$41.80.
- VCFS Auto Leasing Co – PO Box 91300, Mobile, AL 36691 in the amount of \$233.24; and in the amount of \$367.01; and in the amount of \$365.36.
- Vece, Blaise – 72 Chapel Street, Derby, CT 06418 in the amount of \$83.35.

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

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Freda opened the meeting to public comment.

The following residents spoke on a variety of subjects:

- Raymond Fowler, Todd Drive
- Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive
- Charles Wicklein, Hartford Turnpike
- Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive
- Bill Richards, North Avenue

With no further comment, Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

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