

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 7, 2023

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, September 7, 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.

Mr. Freda then asked for a moment of silence for our fallen firefighter, Lieutenant Anthony DeSimone.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to amend the agenda at item #19 to correct the resolution from Board of "Finance" to read that the Board of "Selectmen" recommends....

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of August 3, 2023.

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

Mr. Freda dispensed with his overview considering the heavy agenda.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town of North Haven may enter into a Contract with and deliver to the Connecticut State Library, any and all documents which it deems be necessary or appropriate for a State Public Library Construction Grant of \$500,000 for the North

Haven Memorial Library Improvements project located at 17 Elm Street 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 from Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution:

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$355,000 for repairs and improvements to the Town’s Recycling/Transfer Center; the project shall consist of repairs to existing infrastructure, capital improvements and the acquisition and replacement of related equipment; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, 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 \$355,000 to finance the appropriation.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$815,000 for water pollution control facility studies; the project shall consist of a sanitary sewer evaluation study and an inflow and infiltration study; the appropriation may be spent for survey costs, study costs , 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 \$815,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$447,550.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$6,407,000 for repairs and improvements to various Town roads and bridges; the project shall consist of Pool Road drainage improvements, Kings Highway bridge

replacement, Hartford Turnpike headwall replacement, and the milling and paving of various Town roadways; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, removal of waste materials, paving and materials, installation of manholes and drainage risers, traffic protection, including signage and police and flag personnel equipment, structural 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 \$6,407,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$3,272,000.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$193,000 for the Five Mile Brook channel clearing conservation project; the appropriation may be spent for design, construction, equipment, materials, site improvements, 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 \$193,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$148,000.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$751,000 for various repairs and improvements to sports and recreation facilities; the project shall consist of repairs and improvements to playscapes, Town Green bandstand and the repairs and installation of lighting at Town athletic fields; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, 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 \$751,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$282,000.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$5,700,000 for repairs and improvements to the Temple Pines Senior Housing facility; the project shall consist of interior and exterior repairs and improvements to windows, the roof, building systems, heating and cooling , exterior grounds, and other related structural and site work; 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 \$5,700,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$5,700,000.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$2,745,000 for repairs, improvements and replacements to various Town buildings; the project shall consist of repairs and improvements to Town Hall, North Haven Library, including to the roof and lighting, and Senior Center, including replacement of a van, Walter Gawrych Community Pool roof replacement, fire training bays, and community services facilities related to BH Care; 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 \$2,745,000 to finance the appropriation. The total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants and other funds are anticipated to be approximately \$841,000.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Annual Town Meeting be held Monday, September 18, 2023, 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 recommendation of the Board of Finance concerning the adjustment of appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$581,580 (five hundred eighty-one thousand, five hundred eighty dollars) and to act upon the above recommendation concerning the aforesaid appropriations and bond

authorizations; and that the Notice for the Annual Town Meeting presented at this meeting be approved and signed. Notice and proposed resolutions are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the release of the following property tax refunds:

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

- Acar Leasing, PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX 76101 – in the amount of \$403.22; and in the amount of \$382.38; and in the amount of \$367.77; and in the amount of \$338.24.
- Aurora, Gregory, 19 Katie Lane – in the amount of \$83.98.
- Bloom, Aaron / Bloom, Allison, 11 Eva Court – in the amount of \$751.45.
- Cubbellotti, Albert, Jr., 128 Blakeslee Avenue – in the amount of \$13.11; and in the amount of \$2.69.
- Damora, Louis, 37 Gail Drive – in the amount of \$35.87.
- Deluca, Pamela / Deluca, Neil, 160 Street, Unit N208 – in the amount of \$26.68.
- Ficocelli, Michael, 68 Blakeslee Avenue – in the amount of \$166.32.
- Guarino, Richard, 19 Sherwood Drive – in the amount of \$18.56.
- HB Live, Inc., 60 Dodge Avenue – in the amount of \$136.72.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, PO Box 4747, Oak Brook, IL 60522 – in the amount of \$400.56.
- Masotta Dalbero, Suzanne / Dalbero Alfred, 1866 Hartford Turnpike – in the amount of \$130.26.
- McKenna, Daniel, 130 State Street, Unit B33 – in the amount of \$15.68.
- Pascale, Keith, 48 Frost Drive – in the amount of \$712.50; and in the amount of \$616.44.
- Petrafesa, Charles / Petrafesa, Danielle, 25 North Avenue – in the amount of \$69.73.
- Stellato, Vincent, Jr., 19 Briarwood Circle – in the amount of \$687.83.
- Tran, Nam / Tran, Mai, 30 Jennifer Drive – in the amount of \$143.63.
- Tsang La, Hong Xiao / La, Mau, 15 Howe Street – in the amount of \$41.65.
- Vanacore, Matthew, 3 Jones Farm Circle – in the amount of \$26.29.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Frankline Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048 – in the amount of \$356.34.
- Zeng, Jian, 8 Anthony Road – in the amount of \$67.78.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday October 5, 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.

Mr. Freda advised that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday September 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.

Mr. Freda opened the meeting to public comment.

Mrs. Dot Logan, Hartford Turnpike, spoke about the need for air conditioning in the elementary schools.

Mr. Scott Friedman, Cooper Road, had several comments that he expressed regarding his displeasure with Miss Buemi's newspaper column and her comments regarding the school system as he felt it was inaccurate.

Mary White, Summer Lane, commented on air conditioning in the elementary schools, and the topic of digital billboards. She encouraged residents to attend the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, had several questions and comments regarding various topics including lighted signs, Board of Education surplus, the school system and the Town's bond debt.

Mr. Thomas White, Summer Lane, commented on the astronomical growth of pediatric and adolescent mental health issues.

Nancy Barrett, Crestview Drive, commented on the school system, the lighting in the athletic fields, and the Town's bond rating.

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 7:53 PM.

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