

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JANUARY 26, 2023

A special meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm 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

Town Counsel:

Attorney Jennifer Coppola

Mr. Freda called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. He welcomed Selectwoman Sally Buemi and Selectman William Pieper and the Selectmen then proceeded in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Freda opened the public hearing and proceeded with a roll call of the people participating via ZOOM.

Attorney Coppola addressed the Board and members of the public providing an explanation of the state statutory requirement that every municipality adopt an affordable housing plan and do so every five years thereafter. She provided a clarification of what Affordable Housing is and went through the draft of the proposed affordable housing plan providing detailed explanation of various sections and pointing out key elements of the plan.

Members of the public both present in person and electronically were provided an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments related to the plan.

During discussion, Attorney Coppola commented that once adopted, the Town is not obligated to act on every detailed component of the plan, but rather use it as a framework for implementing and reaching our affordable housing goals.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to add “including a senior tax freeze” to the bullet in section 4.4.1: Maintain/enhance elderly tax relief

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

Following additional discussion, Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to include in the plan at section 3.2.2 the wording “and or Accessory Dwelling Units” after shared amenities.

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

Miss Buemi motioned to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan with the edits agreed upon, Mr. Pieper seconded.

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

With no further comment, Miss Buemi motioned with a second by Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

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