

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 2, 2020

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 7:00 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 7:00 pm, welcomed Selectmen Pieper and Buemi back to in person meetings and asked them to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 4, 2020.

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

Mr. Freda remarked that he just had one item to discuss under his overview. He was very pleased to announce that having gone through a very rigorous review with the rating agencies, and during a time with many municipalities affected by anticipated State deficit budgets and an increase in cyber and ransom attacks on many municipalities, we were once again re-rated AAA Financial Status.

Mr. Pieper commented that although the Selectmen voted to provide an extension to the grace period for the due date of taxes to October 1st, for those able to pay in July, that would be helpful to the Town. Mr. Freda added that due to restrictions on the number of people able to be inside Town Hall at one time, it would also be recommended that our taxpayers use either the online payment options or mail their checks.

Mr. Freda invited Miss Buemi to open the discussion on her interest in clarification of the Town's recycling policy and bulk pickup. Miss Buemi commented that there seems to be some confusion regarding the recycling bins. Some folks have the standard green bins and others have purchased the larger blue bins. It seems that sometimes the blue bins are emptied and other times they are not. Mr. Freda explained that we have two "tipper" trucks that are able to accommodate picking up the blue bins, and one older truck in reserve that is not able to pick up the blue bins. Sometimes when one of the tipper trucks is being serviced and the older truck is utilized, it results in not being able

to empty the blue bins on that route. Miss Buemi inquired about any long-term plan to convert the residents to the blue bins. Mr. Freda stated that was explored and the cost of purchasing the blue recycle bins and green trash bins to use with the tipper trucks would cost approximately \$1,000,000 and the trucks would be estimated at about \$750,000. This would represent a significant capital investment. This is something that would have to be considered for a future budget. Miss Buemi also wished to address the bulk trash pick up in Town. She commented on the large number of items that were recently placed curbside for pickup. She thought that perhaps the Town could consider changing the policy to one week quarterly. That would represent the same amount of days, but spread out and may help to alleviate the large amounts of bulk that is put out twice a year. Miss Buemi also suggested that our residents research the acceptable items. All of the information is available on the Town’s website. Mr. Freda noted that he would consider her suggestion. All of the selectmen commended our field operations staff on the excellent job they did managing the exorbitant amount of bulk trash.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the meeting dates for 2021 Board of Selectmen’s Meetings. The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the upstairs conference room #1 of Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Meeting Dates as follows:

January 7, 2021	April 1, 2021	July 1, 2021	October 7, 2021
February 4, 2021	May 6, 2021	August 5, 2021	November 4, 2021
March 4, 2021	June 3, 2021	September 2, 2021	December 2, 2021

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to call for a Public Hearing concerning programs submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act.

RESOLVED: That a Public Hearing will be held electronically on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm concerning programs to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. The Town has received the following application which is on file in the office of Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven Connecticut and available on the Town’s website at <http://www.town.north-haven.ct.us> under Public Meetings – Town Hearing and Meetings.

- Continuing Energy Conservation Improvements for Moriarty Hall submitted by Lancraft Fife and Drum Corps.

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

The Board briefly discussed the Property Tax Agreement to be acted upon at a Special Town Meeting. Mr. Freda explained that property owned by the Arch Bishop/Catholic Cemeteries located adjacent to the All Saints Cemetery was leased out and a solar array was placed on the land. Although the land is not taxable because it is owned by the church, the solar panels/infrastructure is taxable to the Town. Miss Buemi had several questions before making a motion to call for the Special Town Meeting, as detailed below. Mr. Pieper seconded the motion.

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

RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held electronically on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm for the following purposes:

- a. To consider the approval of requested programs in accordance with the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. (A Public Hearing on these programs will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 preceding the Special Town Meeting.)
- b. To consider and vote upon Town acceptance of the following roads associated with the Pine Hill Estates subdivision located at Beach Street and North Hill Road:
 - Summer Lane
 - Conhurst Drive
 - Santora Drive
 - Jersey Drive
- c. To consider and act upon a proposed Property Tax Agreement between the Town and CF North Haven LLC relative to the development of an electric generating facility on land located at 700 Middletown Avenue and 232 Rimmon Road.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to accept the resignation of William C. Kohlehepp from the Quinnipiack Valley Health District Board of Directors.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the appointment of Peter S. Sandor, 10 Deer Run Lane from an alternate to a full seat on the Quinnipiack Valley Health District Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of William C. Kohlhepp term to expire on June 30, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of James H. Iovieno (R), 600 Washington Avenue, Unit F4, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of James D. Nesdale (R), 22 Mansfield Road, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Kathy Spinato-Grant (D), 28 Sheffield Road, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board as an alternate for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Lynn Fredricksen (R), 95 Pool Road, to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of James Redman (D), 47 Pool Road, to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire on June 30, 2022.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Jacquelyn O'Neill St. Peter, 58 Juniper Drive to the Quinipiack Valley Health District Board of Directors for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2023.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Joseph M. Solimene, 37 Jennifer Drive to the Quinipiack Valley Health District Board of Director for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2023.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation, as the Town's Co-Municipal Agent to Provide Information to the Elderly for a four (4) year term to expire June 30, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Judy Amarone, Senior Center Director, as the Town's Co-Municipal Agent to Provide

Information to the Elderly for a four (4) year term to expire June 30, 2024.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the following Property Tax Refunds:

- Calderon, Ramiro 1199 Hartford Turnpike in the amount of \$39.38.
- Executive Landscaping, Inc. PO Box 185790, Hamden, CT 06518 in the amount of \$682.35.
- VW Credit Leasing, LTD in the amount of \$141.71.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to release the following bond:

#P18-32 70 Blue Hills Road

Amount of original bond \$2,500.00. Release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to release the following bond:

#P06-25 Summer Wind Holdings, LLC – 828 Thompson Street

Amount of original bond \$243,463.00. Release a portion of the bond in the amount of \$143,463.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi to release the following bond:

#P08-15 51 Middletown Avenue

Amount of original bond \$4,000.00. Release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$4,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to release the following bond:

#I18-13 70 Blue Hills Road

Amount of original bond \$2,500.00. Release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

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

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, August 6, 2020 in conference room 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall. The Board wished everyone a safe and joyous 4th of July holiday.

With no further business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned adjourn at 8:14 p.m., Mr. Pieper seconded.

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