

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAY 7, 2020

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Members Present:

Michael J. Freda, First Selectman
William J. Pieper, Second Selectman
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman

Staff:

Valerie Goodkin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Freda convened the meeting at 7:10 pm and confirmed the attendance of Selectmen William Pieper and Sally Buemi followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Freda explained that in accordance with Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7B Section 1, which suspends the open meeting requirement of in-person participation, audio and video of the meeting is being simultaneously televised live on NHTV and accessible via phone. He apologized for the delay in starting the meeting due to technical difficulty.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of March 5, 2020.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 22, 2020.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the Fair Housing Resolution below.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental

and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and The Town of North Haven is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of North Haven hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of North Haven or his designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of North Haven and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the approval of the HazeWaste Resolution below.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

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 (9 am – Noon) and conditionally exempt small quantity generators deliver business waste on Saturday morning, (by appointment from 7 am – 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 benefits 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023), and confirms its intent to contribute financially for the operation,

processing, transportation, and disposal of household hazardous waste.

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 wastes, to receive financial support from grant sources, to enter into agreements with other municipalities, and to operate the facility. This resolution shall be effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the following resolution authorizing the Board of Finance to adopt a budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the State of Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7I, paragraph 13, dated March 21, 2020, the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Board of Finance, as the Town’s budget making authority, to adopt a budget for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 fiscal year and to set a mill rate sufficient to pay the Town’s expenses for said fiscal year.

Moving to the next item on the agenda the Board entered into a discussion regarding the appointment of Richard Monico to continue to fill the unexpired term as Treasurer. As per the Town Charter, the Board of Finance appointed Mr. Monico to fill the vacancy until the Selectmen could appoint someone until the next election. Mr. Freda noted that if appointed, Mr. Monico would not be taking the associated Treasurer’s salary. Miss Buemi voiced her concern regarding this appointment as she felt it was a violation of the Town Charter section 503 for one person to hold the position of Chairman of the Board of Finance and the Treasurer as both are elected positions. She also referenced Section 503B of the Charter which states that if there is a vacancy on the BOS, the Chairman of the Board of Finance, the Treasurer and the Acting First Selectman, by majority vote, will fill the position. She interprets that to indicate the Charter presumes that the Chairman of the BOF and the Treasurer are different people. Mr. Pieper stated that majority vote of the acting First Selectman, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Finance would be no different than a majority vote of two of the three selectmen, and that Mr. Monico could recuse himself and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance could represent the Board in the vote. Miss Buemi disagreed with Mr. Pieper’s argument, and proceeded with the following motion.

Miss Buemi motioned to table the appointment until there could be further review.
Freda – no, Pieper – no, Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Mr. Freda for the appointment of Richard Monico (R), 23 Sachem Drive, as Treasurer term to expire December 5, 2021.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – no

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the following

Property Tax Refunds for April and May:

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

April, 2020:

- Acar Leasing LTD PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX 76107, in the amount of \$482.07.
- Baker, Enrique 1000 4th N. St. MR#377, Fairfield, IA 52557, in the amount of \$39.81.
- Bracale, Caitlin 5 Dover Road, in the amount of \$7.90.
- Bracale, Camille 5 Dover Road, in the amount of \$6.07.
- Daimler Trust 13650 Heritage Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177, in the amount of \$687.29.
- Depasquale, Kathleen & Michael 1 King Arthur Court, in the amount of \$84.30; and in the amount of \$88.26; and in the amount of \$91.58; and in the amount of \$91.58; and in the amount of \$93.54; and in the amount of \$93.54.
- Honda Lease Trust 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040, in the amount of \$159.42; and in the amount of \$184.80.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Trust 4100 Wildwood Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339-8400, in the amount of \$65.48.
- Nissan Infiniti LT PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265, in the amount of \$52.75; and in the amount of \$155.00; and in the amount of \$286.79; and in the amount of \$388.69.
- Pomroy, Tebekah 73 Frost Drive, in the amount of \$5.28.
- Silva-Baker, Maria / Baker Joseph 234 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA 01222, in the amount of \$23.67.
- Toyota Lease Trust 20 Commerce Way, Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801, in the amount of \$268.74; and in the amount of \$318.04; and in the amount of \$246.01.
- Velardi, Joanne / Velardi, Frank 14 Charles Court in the amount of \$10.26.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD. 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$249.44; and in the amount of \$84.87; and in the amount of \$260.32; and in the amount of \$141.71; and in the amount of \$61.70; and in the amount of \$73.43.

May, 2020

- Crisanti, Elizabeth 109 Bassett Road, in the amount of \$438.52.
- Jenco Associates Inc. 89 Stoddard Avenue, in the amount of \$108.23.
- Kehoe, Derek 17 Ball Road, in the amount of \$10.47.
- Nissan Infiniti LT PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265, in the amount of \$122.07; and in the amount of \$84.53.
- Paturzo, Dominic 111 Frost Drive, in the amount of 7.64.
- Portugal, Ronald / Portugal, Sandra 15W Fairway Drive, Etowah, NC 28729, in the amount of \$28.03.
- Serio, Edward 12 Rimmon Road, in the amount of 3.80.
- Valentino, Matteo J. Jr. 88 Spring Road, in the amount of \$25.35.

Mr. Freda noted that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, June 4, 2020 with a time and location/manner to be determined.

Miss Buemi suggested that in light of the current COVID situation and the cancelling of the Memorial Day Parade, coupled with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, that it would be nice if we could honor our veterans with re-broadcasting the Memorial Parade from 2015, which had special recognition for the 70 Anniversary. Mr. Freda concurred that it was a good suggestion, and made special mention of Selectman Bill Pieper's son, Karl and his service to our country.

With no additional business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes