

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019  
NORTH HAVEN MEMORIAL TOWN HALL,  
CONFERENCE ROOM # 1  
NORTH HAVEN, CT -- 5:30 P.M.**

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At 5:35 p.m., the Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough. After initial introductions, she declared the first order of business was to elect a moderator for the meeting.

After a brief explanation of the requirements for the position of moderator, and upon motions duly made and seconded, a vote was held, and Mrs. Teresa Ranciato-Viele.

Per the instruction of the Moderator, the Town Clerk then read the call of the meeting:

*On March 7, 2019 the following was noticed: Notice is hereby given of a Special Town Meeting of the Town of North Haven to be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the Upstairs Conference Room # 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473 for the following purpose:*

- a) *To consider and vote upon the acceptance of Winding Brook Road, as a road of the Town of North Haven with the recommendation of the Town Engineer; and*
- b) *To consider and vote upon whether to adopt an amendment to Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance at Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to increase the value of contracts requiring public bid as authorized by Town Charter Section 406A from \$7,500 to \$25,000.*

Per the further instruction of the Moderator, the Town Clerk read Agenda Item Number 1:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded as to the Resolution for Agenda Item Number 1, the moderator opened the time for discussion for said Agenda Item:

- 1. **RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer, the following road is deemed accepted as a road of the Town of North Haven: Winding Brook Road.*

The Town's engineer, Mr. Andrew "Andy" Bevilacqua provided background and further information as relates to Agenda Item Number 1.

No further comment was requested and/or presented.

At that time, the moderator then sought to vote upon Agenda Item Number 1.

Agenda Item Number 1 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Per the further instruction of the Moderator, the Town Clerk read Agenda Item Number 2:

- 2. **RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, an amendment to Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance is hereby approved and adopted at Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to increase the value of contracts requiring public bid as authorized by Town Charter Section 406A from \$7,500 to \$25,000. The amendment to Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of North Haven and shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication. All other terms and provisions of Section 32-9 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.*

Upon a motion duly made and seconded as to the Resolution for Agenda Item Number 2, the moderator opened the time for discussion for said Agenda Item.

The Town's Finance Director, Edward Swinkoski, provided background and further information as relates to Agenda Item Number 2.

Numerous members of the meeting asked questions on this issue and/or provided comment, including Mr. Sherman Katz, Mrs. Nancy Barrett, and Ms. Sally Buemi. At time, Mr. Swinkoski was required to address the meeting again, to respond to numerous questions relating to Agenda Item Number 2.

No further comment was requested and/or presented.

At that time, the moderator then sought to vote upon Agenda Item Number 2.

The Town Clerk noted that there was no requirement under the rules to call for any abstentions.

The moderator asked for all in favor, all against, and any abstentions, by voice vote.

Ms. Buemi asked for a hand-vote to be counted, and while the Moderator noted that it was a clear voice vote in favor of the pending resolution, she obliged and asked for a second, hand, vote.

Agenda Item Number 2 passed by a margin of 4 – 3.

There being no further business for the Town Meeting, the Moderator noted her intent to adjourn the meeting; the moderator adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted, this 26th day of March 2019

**J. Stacey Yarbrough**

*Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

*Town of North Haven*

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