

**MINUTES OF THE  
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN  
ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.  
(NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM)**

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The Annual Budget Town Meeting opened at approximately 7:03 P.M. The Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough, welcomed those present, and introduced herself, and then called the meeting to order.

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting was brought pursuant to chapter VII (7) section 706 of the North Haven Town Charter.

Town Clerk explained the need for the election of a moderator for the meeting, and opened the floor to nominations for the same.

After a single nomination, for John Lambert, as the meeting moderator, the Town Clerk submitted the issue to a vote.

The vote in favor of John Lambert passed unanimously, with no dissenting votes.

The moderator took the podium, and then he requested that the Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting: On April 4, 2019 the following notice was provided:

*Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 706 of the North Haven Town Charter that the Annual Budget Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Haven, Connecticut, will be held in the auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. This Town Budget Meeting will conduct the following business:*

- 1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020;*
- 2. To establish the due date and number of installments for the payment of property taxes (Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Supplemental Motor Vehicle) in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and*
- 3. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the question concerning the adoption of a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, including the establishment of the exact hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-9b, that voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following North Haven polling place:*

- ALL DISTRICTS                      Mildred Wakeley Rec. Center, 7  
Linsley Street*

*The aforesaid recommendations will be placed on paper ballots as the following question: “Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$54,590,313 for the Board of Education and \$49,195,637 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$103,785,950 for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020?” Voters approving said question will vote “YES” and those opposing said question will vote “NO”. Applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions and/or concerns: 203.239.5321 X 630.*

The moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read the first and third items for consideration.

The Town Clerk read as follows:

- 1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.*
  
- 3. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and submit the question concerning the adoption of the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, including the establishment of the hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-9: voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., at the following North Haven polling place ONLY:*

**ALL DISTRICTS** -- MILDRED WAKELY REC. CENTER, 7  
LINSLEY STREET

*AND that the following question shall be placed on paper ballot: “Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$54,590,313 for the Board of Education and \$49,195,637 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$103,785,950 for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020?”*

*Voters approving said question will vote “YES” and those opposing said question will vote “NO”.*

The Town Clerk thereby gave a quick explanation as to how we would move forward, procedurally.

Thereafter, Michael Freda, First Selectman, and Patrick Stirk, School Superintendent, both gave brief presentations for their respective portions of the overall budget.

The moderator then asked those present for any discussion/comment on the first and third item, and explained the ground rules for any such discussion.

Approximately five members of the meeting came forward to provide comment and/or asked questions as related to the proposed budget. Some returned more than once to speak.

When public comment was completed for the first and third items on the agenda, the moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read the second and final item for consideration.

Town Clerk advised those present of the following:

2. *To establish the due date and number of installments for the payment of property taxes (Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Supplemental Motor Vehicle) in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes;*

*BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval of the town budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and, in accordance with Section 12-142 & 12-144 of the Connecticut General Statutes, insofar as the adoption of the budget calls for the laying of a tax on property other than motor vehicles, the tax shall be due in two semi-annual installments on July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020, respectively, and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020, respectively;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that insofar as such tax applies to motor vehicles, in accordance with Section 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in a single installment on July 1, 2019 and payable without penalty by August 1, 2019; and as to supplementary taxes on motor vehicles, as provided in Section 12-71b of the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in a single installment on January 1, 2020 and payable without penalty by February 1, 2020.*

The Town Clerk thereafter asked for, and received, a second upon the two resolutions of Agenda Item Number 2.

The Moderator then asked those present for any discussion on the second item of the agenda, and explained the ground rules for any such discussion.

Mr. Sherman Katz gave comment as to his desire to see the motor vehicle taxes split into two installments.

No further comment or questions were offered.

Therefore, the Moderator called for a vote on Item Number 2. All but one voted in favor of Item Number 2; there was one Nay vote. Agenda item Number 2 passed.

There being no further business for the town meeting, the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 P.M.

He further advised those present that the results of the referendum on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 would be reported by the town clerk, along with the minutes of the meeting, as soon as possible.

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**NORTH HAVEN TOWN CLERK,**



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**J. STACEY YARBROUGH**

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