

**MINUTES: TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.**

At approximately 7:12 p.m., the Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough, called the Annual Town Meeting to order.

After a brief introduction, the Town Clerk explained to those present the first necessity of the Annual Town Meeting, explaining the need for a meeting moderator. She also explained the requirements of being an elector for purposes of a Town Meeting.

The Town Clerk opened the nomination process to the floor. After a nomination for David Monz to serve as meeting moderator, and after a second upon said nomination, and with no further nominations, a vote was taken, resulting David Monz unanimously elected, by voice vote, as meeting Moderator.

The meeting Moderator thanked those present, introduced himself, etc., and then asked the Town Clerk to read the call of the meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting: Notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of North Haven to be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut, at 7:00 P.M., to consider and act upon the following:

- A. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$663,124.88 (six hundred sixty three thousand, one hundred twenty four dollars and eighty eight cents.)
- B. To consider and act upon a resolution for the approval of a new inter-local agreement between the Town of North Haven and the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority covering how the Town and the GNHWPCA, respectively, handle inter-municipal exchange of wastewater flows and related sewer infrastructure issues, including invoicing for same, and authorize the First Selectman, upon approval of the Town Meeting, to execute said agreement
- C. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation Board of Finance that Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance at Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven be amended. Specifically, the requested amendment is that contracts for the purchase of personal property or for services by the Town or the Board of Education at a value in excess of \$25,000 shall be let by sealed, public bid by the First Selectman or the Board of Education, as the case may be. Public bidding shall continue to not be required for the services of attorneys at law, certified public accountants, licensed engineers, architects, physicians or dentists.

- D. To consider and vote upon whether to adopt amendments to Sections 184-14 and 184-15 of Article VI. Abatement for Volunteer Fire Fighters of the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven, including an increase in the amounts of the available tax abatements to eligible volunteer fire fighters based upon amended levels of responsiveness to fire calls and attendance at drills and the extension of a tax abatement to retired volunteer fire fighters who have completed twenty-five years of volunteer service in the Town of North Haven. The proposed amendments are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

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The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read AGENDA ITEM A.

The Town Clerk read AGENDA ITEM A:

AGENDA ITEM A → To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$663,124.88 (six hundred sixty three thousand, one hundred twenty four dollars and eighty eight cents.)

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust the appropriations of certain line items in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$663,124.88 (six hundred sixty three thousand, one hundred twenty four dollars and eighty eight cents).

The Moderator asked for a motion and then a second, and then opened the discussion period for Agenda Item A.

First Selectman Michael J. Freda, Selectwoman Sally Buemi, and various other members of the meeting provided comment and/or asked questions.

After discussion ended, the Moderator put the issue to a vote: Agenda Item A passed by voice vote by a majority of the members of the Annual Town Meeting, with two nay votes.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read AGENDA ITEM B.

The Town Clerk read AGENDA ITEM B:

AGENDA ITEM B → To consider and act upon a resolution for the approval of a new inter-local agreement between the Town of North Haven and the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority covering how the Town and the GNHWPCA, respectively, handle inter-municipal exchange of wastewater flows and related sewer infrastructure issues, including invoicing for same, and authorize the First Selectman, upon approval of the Town Meeting, to execute said agreement

RESOLVED: That the Town of North haven approve a new inter-local agreement between the Town of North haven and the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority covering how the Town and the GNHWPCA, respectively, handle inter-municipal exchange of wastewater flows and related sewer infrastructure issues, including invoice for same, and hereby authorize the First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, to execute said agreement.

The Moderator asked for a motion and then a second, and then opened the discussion period for Agenda Item B.

First Selectman Michael J. Freda, and various other members of the meeting provided comment and/or asked questions.

After discussion ended, the Moderator put the issue to a vote: Agenda Item B passed by voice vote by a majority of the members of the Annual Town Meeting, with two nay votes.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read AGENDA ITEM C.

The Town Clerk read AGENDA ITEM C:

AGENDA ITEM C → to consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation Board of Finance that Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance at Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven be amended. Specifically, the requested amendment is that contracts for the purchase of personal property or for services by the Town or the Board of Education at a value in excess of \$25,000 shall be let by sealed, public bid by the First Selectman or the Board of Education, as the case may be. Public bidding shall continue to not be required for the services of attorneys at law, certified public accountants, licensed engineers, architects, physicians or dentists.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, that Section 32-9 of Article V of the Finances Ordinance at Chapter 32 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven be amended. Specifically, the requested amendment is that contracts for the purchase of personal property or for services by the Town or the Board of Education at a value in excess of \$25,000 shall be let by sealed, public bid by the First Selectman or the Board of Education, as the case may be. Public bidding shall continue to not be required for the services of attorneys at law, certified public accountants, licensed engineers, architects, physicians or dentists.

The Moderator asked for a motion and then a second, and then opened the discussion period for Agenda Item C.

Finance Director, Edward Swinkoski, Selectwoman Sally Buemi, and various other members of the meeting provided comment and/or asked questions.

After discussion ended, the Moderator put the issue to a vote: Agenda Item C passed by voice vote by a majority of the members of the Annual Town Meeting, with five nay votes.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read AGENDA ITEM D.

The Town Clerk read AGENDA ITEM D:

AGENDA ITEM D → To consider and vote upon whether to adopt amendments to Sections 184-14 and 184-15 of Article VI. Abatement for Volunteer Fire Fighters of the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven, including an increase in the amounts of the available tax abatements to eligible volunteer fire fighters based upon amended levels of responsiveness to fire calls and attendance at drills and the extension of a tax abatement to retired volunteer fire fighters who have completed twenty-five years of volunteer service in the Town of North Haven. The proposed amendments are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: Amendments to Sections 184-14 and 184-15 of Article VI. Abatement for Volunteer Fire Fighters of the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven, including an increase in the amounts of the available tax abatements to eligible volunteer fire fighters based upon amended levels of responsiveness to fire calls and attendance at drills and the extension of a tax abatement to retired volunteer fire fighters who have completed twenty-five years of volunteer service in the Town of North Haven, are hereby approved and adopted. The amendments to Sections 184-14 and 184-15 of Article VI. Abatement for Volunteer Fire Fighters of the Taxation 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.

The Moderator asked for a motion and then a second, and then opened the discussion period for Agenda Item D.

First Selectman Michael J. Freda, Selectwoman Sally Buemi, Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola and various other members of the meeting provided comment and/or asked questions. Sherman Katz ended the discussion with his recommendation that the Town “side-step” the law, with regard to his opinion that firefighters should receive beyond that allowed under the state statute, as explained by the Town’s attorney previously.

After discussion ended, the Moderator put the issue to a vote: Agenda Item D passed by voice vote by a majority of the members of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator then noted that as there was no further business to be conducted at the Annual Town Budget Meeting, the meeting would be adjourned.

The meeting was so adjourned at approximately 8:32 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THIS 25th
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019



J. STACEY YARBROUGH
TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS/TAX COLLECTOR
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN