

MINUTES
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
ANNUAL BUDGET TOWN MEETING (ABTM)
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.
(NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM)

The Annual Budget Town Meeting opened at approximately 7:02 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.

The Town Clerk then commenced the meeting by providing background information and historical information as to the reason for the meeting, and the creation of a budget.

The Town Clerk noted the need for the election of a moderator for the meeting, explained the rules and procedure for the same, then opened the floor to nominations.

After nomination, and a second, for Theresa Ranciato-Viele, the Town Clerk asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, the Town Clerk submitted the issue to a vote: The vote in favor of Mrs. Ranciato-Viele passed unanimously, by voice vote.

The Moderator took the podium, and requested that the Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting:

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 9, 2022 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023;*
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, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 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 \$60,166,330 for the Board of Education and \$55,857,267 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$116,023,597 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?” 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 – Signed by, Michael J. Freda, William J. Pieper, Sally J. Buemi

The Moderator then gave an explanation as to how we would move forward, procedurally, and explained which items would be voted upon and which ones would not, during the Town Meeting this night.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read second item of the Agenda again:

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, 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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, 2022 and January 1, 2023, respectively, and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023, 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, 2022 and payable without penalty by August 1, 2022; 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, 2023 and payable without penalty by February 1, 2023.

The Town Clerk realized she had read one of the dates incorrectly, and re-read with the correct date.

The Moderator then asked those present for any discussion/comment on ANY items of the Agenda this evening, and explained the ground rules for any such discussion.

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

Further, approximately three (3) members of the town meeting provided comment and/or asked questions as related to the proposed budget, and when needed, responses provided.

When public comment was completed the Moderator called for a vote on Agenda Item Number 2, both resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon approval of the town budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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, 2022 and January 1, 2023, respectively, and

shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2022 and February 1, 2023, respectively: the first resolution passed unanimously, by voice vote;

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, 2022 and payable without penalty by August 1, 2022; 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, 2023 and payable without penalty by February 1, 2023: the second resolution passed unanimously as well, by voice vote.

There being no further business for the town meeting, the Moderator asked for and received a motion to adjourn the meeting, and as such, declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 P.M.

Moderator further advised those present that the results of the Budget Referendum on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 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 & TAX COLLECTOR,



**J. STACEY YARBROUGH
MAY 2022**