

MINUTES

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

**NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
NORTH HAVEN, CT -- 7:00 P.M.**

At 7:06 P.M., the Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough, introduced herself, announced to the audience members that the meeting was brought pursuant to the North Haven Town Charter §§ 901 & 903, and called the Special Town Meeting to order.

Further, the Town Clerk explained that the next step needed for the Special Town Meeting was the election of a Meeting Moderator.

The Town Clerk further explained that the Moderator is nominated and elected by the members of our meeting who are “electors”. It is the Moderator’s function to bring before the meeting all item(s) of the warning and to assist in obtaining the objective of the meeting, while insuring the rights of individual voters who wish to be heard. The moderator’s duties also include helping any member of the meeting who seeks clarification or to advise them with regard to parliamentary procedure.

The Town Clerk also elaborated upon the requirements of being an “elector” for purposes of the Town Meeting, and to be elected as a moderator. She noted the following requirements:

1. The person wishing to vote must have been a registered voter in the town at the time of the most recent election; or
2. One who pays taxes to the Town on an assessment of property of not less than \$1,000 on the most recent Grand List Assessment date;
3. A citizen of the United States; and
4. Eighteen years of age or older.

Further, the Town Clerk advised the meeting members that if they were not sure if they were eligible to vote, they could check with her at any time, and confirm their voting status.

The Town Clerk opened the floor for nominations for meeting moderator. Lynn Fredricksen was nominated. No other nominations were offered. Thereupon, the Town Clerk closed the nomination process, and she had the Special Town Meeting members vote for moderator:

The vote for Lynn Fredricksen as Meeting Moderator passed by a unanimous voice-vote of the members of the Special Town Meeting.

Mrs. Fredricksen was declared the moderator for the night's meeting.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk read the CALL OF THE MEETING.

Thereafter, the Town Clerk will read the CALL OF THE MEETING:

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Haven, Connecticut, will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, for the following purpose:

1. To consider, discuss and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen:
 - (a) to appropriate \$3,500,000 for athletic field improvements, consisting of (1) installation of dugouts, grandstand seating, a press box and protective netting, restroom facilities improvements, additional parking, field improvements, and other related improvements at the girls high school softball field, (2) relocation of the field, installation of dugouts, additional seating, a press box, batting cages and protective netting, additional parking, and other related improvements at the boys high school baseball field, and (3) installation of grandstand seating at the middle school synthetic turf fields; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project;
 - (b) to issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project;

- (c) to issue temporary notes of the Town in amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes;
- (d) to determine or authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;
- (e) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;
- (f) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes;
- (g) to authorize the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Dated at North Haven, Connecticut, this 5th day of May 2022. North Haven Board of Selectmen

The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to read Item 1 of the Agenda.

The Town Clerk read item 1 of the Agenda:

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 - (a) to appropriate \$3,500,000 for athletic field improvements, consisting of (1) installation of dugouts, grandstand seating, a press box and

protective netting, restroom facilities improvements, additional parking, field improvements, and other related improvements at the girls high school softball field, (2) relocation of the field, installation of dugouts, additional seating, a press box, batting cages and protective netting, additional parking, and other related improvements at the boys high school baseball field, and (3) installation of grandstand seating at the middle school synthetic turf fields; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project;

- (b) to issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project;
- (c) to issue temporary notes of the Town in amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 in anticipation of such bonds or notes;
- (d) to determine or authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes;
- (e) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;
- (f) to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes;

- (g) to authorize the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

After the Town Clerk read Agenda item 1, the Moderator opened up public discussion for the item.

Numerous members of the Special Town Meeting asked questions, and made comments from 7:15 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. During this time, North Haven First Selectman Michael J. Freda provided a brief informational session with slides for the members of the Special Town meeting. After everyone who wanted to speak had done so, the Moderator asked if anyone who had already been before the Special Town Meeting once wanted to speak again, and one person came forward to speak again.

Once the last comments of the night were provided, and discussion had ended, the Moderator moved the resolution of Agenda Item number 1:

For this Agenda Item, we have the following Resolution:

RESOLVED,

- (a) That the Town of North Haven appropriate **THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000)** for athletic field improvements, consisting of (1) installation of dugouts, grandstand seating, a press box and protective netting, restroom facilities improvements, additional parking, field improvements, and other related improvements at the girls high school softball field, (2) relocation of the field, installation of dugouts, additional seating, a press box, batting cages and protective netting, additional parking, and other related improvements at the boys high school baseball field, and (3) installation of grandstand seating at the middle school synthetic turf fields; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.
- (b) That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed **THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000)** to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount

of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Sections 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

- (c) That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
- (d) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign any bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.
- (e) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the

Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

- (f) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.
- (g) That the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

The Moderator asked for a second for the resolution, and a Second was provided.

The Moderator then placed Agenda Item Number 1 to a vote:

Agenda Item Number 1 PASSED via a voice vote. *(N.B. the Town Clerk counted the votes as 127 AYE & 3 NAY).*

At the conclusion of the presentation and voting of all Agenda items for the night, the Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting at approximately 8:19 p.m. She also noted that the minutes of the meeting, as well as the public hearing beforehand, would be made available by the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

THESE MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**J. STACEY YARBROUGH
NORTH HAVEN TOWN CLERK
JUNE 6, 2022**