

MINUTES

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM NORTH HAVEN, CT 7:00 P.M.

At approximately 7:16 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, and called the Annual Town Meeting to order. *There was a slight delay in opening the meeting per weather and technical difficulties.*

Further, the Town Clerk explained that the next step needed for the Annual 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 any Town Meeting, as well as to be elected as a Town Meeting 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. Teresa Ranciato Viele was nominated. No other nominations were presented. Thereupon, the Town Clerk had the Annual Town Meeting members vote for moderator:

The vote for Teresa Ranciato Viele as Meeting Moderator passed by a unanimous voice-vote of the members of the Annual Town Meeting.

Mrs. Viele 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:

Notice is hereby given to the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Haven, Connecticut, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 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 purposes:

- 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 2021-2022 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$952,598 (nine hundred fifty-two thousand, five hundred ninety-eight dollars).*
- B. *To consider and act upon Town acceptance of the following road: Sundown Place.*
- C. *To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen:*

(a) to appropriate \$2,600,000 for the milling and paving of Town roadways. The project shall consist of milling and removal of waste materials, paving and materials, installation of manholes and drainage risers, traffic protection, including signage and police and flag personnel. 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 \$2,600,000; 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 \$2,600,000 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 1st day of September, 2022.

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

The Town Clerk read item 1 of the Agenda: *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 2021-2022 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of \$952,598 (nine hundred fifty-two thousand, five hundred ninety-eight dollars).*

After the Town Clerk read Agenda item 1, the Moderator read the corresponding resolution and asked for and received a second for the same. Thereafter, she opened public discussion for the item, after a brief recitation of the rules.

First Selectman, Michael Freda, stepped to the podium and provided a brief presentation as to Agenda Item Number 1.

No further comment or questions were provided.

Once discussion had ended, the Moderator moved to put Agenda Item Number 1 to a vote: Agenda Item Number 1 PASSED via unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read Item 2 of the Agenda.

The Town Clerk read item 2 of the Agenda: *To consider and act upon Town acceptance of the following road: Sundown Place.*

After the Town Clerk read Agenda item 2, the Moderator read the corresponding resolution and asked for and received a second for the same. Thereafter, she opened public discussion for the item.

First Selectman, Michael Freda, stepped to the podium and provided a brief explanation as to Agenda Item Number 2.

No further comment or questions were provided.

Once discussion had ended, the Moderator moved to put Agenda Item Number 2 to a vote: Agenda Item Number 2 PASSED via unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator then asked the Town Clerk to read Item 3 of the Agenda.

The Town Clerk read item 3 of the Agenda:

To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen:

(a) to appropriate \$2,600,000 for the milling and paving of Town roadways. The project shall consist of milling and removal of waste materials,

paving and materials, installation of manholes and drainage risers, traffic protection, including signage and police and flag personnel. 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 \$2,600,000; 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 \$2,600,000 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 3, the Moderator asked for and received a second for the same. Thereafter, she opened public discussion for the item.

First Selectman, Michael Freda, stepped to the podium and provided a brief explanation as to Agenda Item Number 3.

Selectwoman, Sally Buemi, asked questions and provided remarks.

Mr. Freda returned with answers, and further remarks.

Nancy Barrett, Member of the Board of Finance, asked questions and provided remarks.

Mr. Freda returned with answers, and further remarks.

No further comments and/or questions were offered.

Once discussion had ended, the Moderator moved to put Agenda Item Number 3 to a vote: Agenda Item Number 3 PASSED via unanimous voice vote.

At the conclusion of the presentation and voting of all Agenda items for the night, the Moderator adjourned the Annual Town Meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

She also noted that the minutes of the meeting would be made available by the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

THESE MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**J. STACEY YARBROUGH
NORTH HAVEN TOWN CLERK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**