

# MINUTES

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN NORTH HAVEN TOWN HALL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

At 6:30 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 § 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. Teresa Ranciato -Viele 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 Teresa Ranciato -Viele as Meeting Moderator passed by a unanimous voice-vote of the members of the Special Town Meeting.

Teresa Ranciato -Viele was declared the Moderator for the night's meeting, and proceeded to request that the Town Clerk read the CALL OF THE MEETING.

Thereafter, the Town Clerk 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, November 21, 2022 at 6:30 P.M., in the upstairs conference room of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut, for the following purpose:*

- 1. To consider and act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the waiver of the Town's conditional right to repurchase the real property known as 88 Bassett Road, said right being set forth in the Deed from the Town to the State of Connecticut, dated December 17, 1985.*

*Dated at North Haven, Connecticut, this 3rd day of November, 2022.*

The Moderator asked the Town Clerk to read Agenda Item Number One.

The Town Clerk read Agenda Item Number One:

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After the Town Clerk read Agenda Item Number One, the Moderator opened up public discussion for the item.

Valerie Goodkin read a prepared statement from First Selectman Michael Freda to the Special Town Meeting, with regard to the topic of the Meeting and his support thereof. Selectperson Sally Buemi asked questions of the Special Town Meeting.

Representatives of ACES were also present, and one Mr. Starkey gave a brief presentation and answered numerous questions from Selectperson Buemi. No further comments or questions from any of the members of the Special Town Meeting were offered.

Once the Comment portion of Item Number One of the Agenda had ended, the Moderator then placed Agenda Item Number One to a vote:

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE PASSED VIA A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

At the conclusion of the presentation and voting for the night, the Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting at approximately 7:05 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.

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**THESE MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



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**J. STACEY YARBROUGH  
NORTH HAVEN TOWN CLERK  
NOVEMBER 21, 2022**