

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH HAVEN, CT
7:00 P.M.**

At 7:00 p.m., the Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough. After initial introductions, she declared the first order of business was to elect a moderator for the meeting.

After a brief explanation of the requirements for the position of moderator, and upon motions duly made and seconded, a vote was held, and Mrs. Teresa Ranciato-Viele.

Per the instruction of the Moderator, the Town Clerk then read the call of the meeting:

HAVING received appropriate written notice and warning of the Special Town Meeting and posted same, I hereby convene this Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7- 6 for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following item:

1. *To consider and discuss the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen:*
 - (a) *to appropriate \$2,000,000 for school security improvements. The appropriation may be spent on the acquisition and installation of equipment, furnishings and materials, and site improvements, including, but not limited to systems, alarms, remote software, displays and computers, servers and storage, identification systems, digital camera systems, video/intercom entry systems, radios, upgraded exterior lighting, door access controls, doors, tamper resistant glass, window replacement, window film, weather equipment, fencing, generators, training, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Selectmen may reduce or modify the scope of the project and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified;*
 - (b) *to issue bonds or notes of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; 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 \$2,000,000 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 2nd day of January, 2020.

Per the further instruction of the Moderator, the Town Clerk read Agenda Item Number 1:

To consider and discuss the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen:

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The moderator thereupon opened the time for discussion for said Agenda Item 1:

First Selectman Michael Freda gave a brief presentation as to the details of Agenda Item 1.

Superintendent of Schools Patrick Stirk also gave a brief presentation as to the details of Agenda Item 1.

Numerous members of the meeting asked questions on this issue and/or provided comment, including Fritz Boettger, Sherman Katz, Nancy Barrett, Diane Vissicchio, Amanda Gabriele, Dot Logan, as well as a few others.

From time to time, Mr. Freda and Mr. Stirk were required to address the meeting again, to respond to numerous questions relating to Agenda Item Number 1 from members of the meeting.

After no further comment was requested and/or presented, the Moderator sought to Call the Question, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Then, the moderator sought to have the Meeting vote upon Agenda Item Number 1.

Per a majority of those present voting in favor of Item Number 1, approximately three people voting against, and none abstaining from voting: Agenda Item Number 1 passed.

There being no further business for the Town Meeting, the Moderator noted her intent to adjourn the meeting; the moderator adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m.



Respectfully submitted, this 4th day of February 2020

J. Stacey Yarbrough
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Town of North Haven

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