

# MINUTES

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 NORTH HAVEN MEMORIAL TOWN HALL UPSTAIRS, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONF. ROOM (# 1) NORTH HAVEN, CT 6:00 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 §§ 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. Teresa Ranciato Viele was nominated. No other nominations were presented. Thereupon, the Town Clerk 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 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:

*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 act upon a resolution by the Board of Selectmen recommending to the Town Meeting the discontinuance, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13a-49, of a (approximately) 7,987 s.f. portion of Mountain Brook Road as a Town Right of Way.*

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

#### DISCUSSION:

First Selectman, Michael Freda, stepped to the podium to ask for a moment of silence for our Finance Director, Edward Swinkoski, who had passed away the prior day, before we began the meeting, which was observed.

Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works, took the podium, and provided the town meeting with history and information as relates to Agenda Item 1.

Residents Bettye Moorer, 35 Mountain Brook Road and Angela Galan, 27 Mountain Brook Road asked questions and provided remarks.

Selectwoman, Sally Buemi, asked questions and provided remarks.

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

Mr. Freda and Mrs. Sadosky returned with answers, and further remarks.

Ms. Buemi and Mrs. Barrett asked further questions and provided further remarks.

The last comments of the night were provided by Mrs. Moorer and Mrs. Galan, who had spoken earlier.

Once discussion had ended, the Moderator moved to put Agenda Item Number 1 to a vote: Via hand/voice vote, Agenda Item Number 1 FAILED.

At the conclusion of the presentation and voting of all Agenda items for the night, the Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting at approximately 6:32 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  
JANUARY 18, 2022**