

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

June 14, 2018

A special meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room #1 of North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present:

Michael J. Freda, First Selectman
William J. Pieper, Second Selectman
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman

Staff:

Valerie Goodkin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Freda called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. He introduced himself, and selectmen William Pieper and Sally Buemi. He noted that this special meeting was taking place due to the need to call a special town meeting for the purposes to follow on the agenda.

Mr. Freda asked if there was any public comment relative to the agenda. Jenny Caldwell, Kimberly Circle, questioned why the topic of school resource officers is not being brought to a referendum. She expressed her concerns that this program has not been fully vetted and can be detrimental to the students. She feels some of the issues which may involve the officer could be related to emotional or mental health issues and the officer's presence may escalate the problem. She felt more research should be, and we should be looking at other options, and this was being rushed through. Mr. Freda and Mr. Pieper discussed Ms. Caldwell's concerns. Mr. Freda stated that he has heard from many people, teachers, parents, BOE members, and they have expressed that they want the additional security in the schools and therefore we will be moving forward with bringing the issue to a town meeting.

Miss Buemi motioned to amend item 9 on the agenda to remove the phrase "to the Capitol Account of the FY 18-19 Budget" to "from the unappropriated fund balance". Mr. Pieper seconded the motion.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned to amend item 10 on the agenda to remove the phrase "to the Capitol Account of the FY 18-19 Budget" to "from the unappropriated fund balance". Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned to amend the agenda following item 11 to include following item 11 a. as follows:

11 a. **RESOLVED:** To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an Ordinance at Chapter 163 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to establish the North Haven Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program (“Public School Supernumerary”) to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled at the public schools in the Town of North Haven. Mr. Pieper seconded the motion.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Pieper seconded a call for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:45 pm in the auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut concerning programs to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. The Town has received the following two applications which are both on file in the office of Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut.

- a. The Moriarty Hall Energy Conservation Improvements Program submitted by Lancraft Fife and Drum Corps.
- b. The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry Program submitted by the North Haven Congregational Church.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

For consideration and discussion purposes, Miss Buemi asked Attorney Coppola to explain the changes being suggested to the Code of Ethics at Chapter 30 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven. Attorney Coppola proceeded to inform the Board of the changes that came from the Board of Ethics. The primary change being the frequency of the required meetings. She also explained a few suggested changes that she did not include in the amendments because she felt there was a legal problem with doing so. Following Attorney Coppola’s explanation of the changes, and the Board’s discussion, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Pieper seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt amendments to the Code of Ethics at Chapter 30 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

The Board asked Attorney Coppola to provide information regarding the next item on the agenda regarding the Ordinance Prohibiting Wastes Generated from Gas and Oil Drilling and Extraction Activities (“Hydraulic Fracturing Waste”).

Attorney Coppola spent some time describing the Hydraulic Fracturing Waste Ordinance and answered several questions from the Board. At the conclusion of their discussion, Miss Buemi motioned, and Mr. Pieper seconded to approve the

following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an Ordinance Prohibiting Wastes Generated from Gas and Oil Drilling and Extraction Activities (“Hydraulic Fracturing Waste”) at Chapter 130 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to prohibit the use, storage, disposal, sale, acquisition, transfer, handling, treatment, and/or processing of waste from natural gas or oil extraction within the Town of North Haven as set forth therein to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property of the public.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Attorney Coppola and Public Works Director, Lynn Sadosky explained the purpose of the Illicit Discharge and Connection to Storm Water Drainage Systems Ordinance to establish the methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit process. The Board asked several questions and satisfied with the information, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an Illicit Discharge and Connection to Storm Water Drainage Systems Ordinance at Chapter 133 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to establish the methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit process.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Mr. Freda proceeded to the next item on the agenda. Miss Buemi stated that she does support enhancing safety in the schools. She expressed her opinion that from a budgetary and procedural standpoint, she would have liked to see this have come through the Town’s normal budgetary process versus going to the Town Meeting. The Board discussed the matter further and Mr. Pieper motioned to approve. Miss Buemi, stated that she made her opinion heard regarding the procedural aspect of this matter, but because she supports the overall intent, she seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting appropriate from the unappropriated fund balance a sum, not to exceed \$220,000.00, for the North Haven Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program to be established by ordinance at Chapter 163 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled at the public schools in the Town of North Haven.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Continuing on with the agenda, Miss Buemi read the items listed in the duties of

the supernumeraries and expressed her opinion that several of the duties listed do in fact appear to be related to discipline, versus what she believed to be the intent and stated purpose, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the students. Mr. Freda explained it mirrors the duties of the high school resource officer and he has not had any complaints. Miss Buemi commented that the parents she is hearing from are concerned with school shootings and violent actions. Mr. Pieper stated that he believes the situation varies among the schools. Mr. Freda commented that his opinion is that he does not want an officer to be so marginalized that he feels he can't get involved. The Chief of Police, Tom McLoughlin, stated that the duties pretty much mirror what the resource officer at the high school has been doing for many years. It is agreed that mission one, is school security, but the officer needs to be in view of the school population both inside and outside of the grounds. The intent is not to have the officer discipline the students. Miss Buemi reiterated that she is very much in support of this, but does have concerns regarding the disciplinary aspect and wishes the Board of Education was more involved. Mr. Freda stated that we can have future amendments made to the ordinance if need be. The Board continued their discussion with the Police Chief and agreed to amend the proposed ordinance to read *The purpose of this Ordinance which shall be known as the "North Haven Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program Ordinance," (Program)* is to enhance the protection, of the health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled at the public schools in the Town of North Haven. As well as to correct a typographical error, *ram to ramp*.

Miss Buemi motioned to approve the following resolution with the amended language, Mr. Pieper seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an Ordinance at Chapter 163 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven to establish the North Haven Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program ("Public School Supernumerary") to enhance the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled at the public schools in the Town of North Haven.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned to approve the following call for a Special Town Meeting, Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

RESOLVED: To Call a Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, October 19, 2015 at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT, at 7:00 P.M., for the Town Meeting to consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen to amend the Code of Ethics at Chapter 30 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven; to adopt an Ordinance Prohibiting Wastes Generated from Gas and Oil Drilling and Extraction Activities ("Hydraulic Fracturing Waste") at Chapter 130 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven; to adopt an Illicit Discharge and Connection to Storm Water Drainage Systems Ordinance at Chapter 133 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven; to recommend that the Town Meeting adopt an Ordinance at Chapter 163 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven

to establish the North Haven Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program and to appropriate from the unappropriated fund balance a sum, not to exceed \$220,000 for the North Haven Police Public School Supernumerary Program; and to consider and vote upon whether to approve certain requested programs in accordance with the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act, all as detailed above.

Freda – yes, Pieper – yes, Buemi – yes

Mr. Freda then opened the meeting to public comment. Ms. Jennifer Caldwell, Kimberly Circle, entered into a discussion with the Board and spoke at length regarding her concerns relevant to the Police Public School Security Supernumerary Program.

With no additional public comment, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Pieper.