

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**September 21, 2011**

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The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room 1, at the North Haven Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

**Members Present**

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda  
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny  
Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Mr. Freda called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to sign a Call for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT

Mr. Freda stated that the Selectmen will be reading several resolutions that will be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Fontana questioned if the Selectmen would be voting on item number five on the call. Mr. Freda responded no, that item will be going to referendum, and at the Town Meeting on Tuesday evening they will be outlining the proposed resolution in an informational format with presentations provided by various people providing greater detail on the specifics of the bonding and the capital expenses it will be used for.

Mr. Fontana asked if he identified a date for the referendum, Mr. Freda responded no.

Mr. Doheny asked if he was correct that this has to go to the Board of Finance. Mr. Freda stated that it did and would be presented to the Board later that evening for their recommendation.

Mr. Doheny then read the call as follows:

The legal voters and those duly qualified to vote in the Town Meeting of the Town of North Haven are hereby warned that notice is hereby given of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of North Haven to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. (E.D.T.) at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven for the following purposes:

Mr. Doheny introduced and read the following resolution:

1. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items in the fiscal year 2010-2011 Budget, transferring funds between amounts as may be necessary in the total sum of Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine and 28/100 Dollars (\$620,469.28).

Mr. Fontana commented that he is pleased that the dollar amount of the transfers is going down, which indicates increased budget accuracy.

Mr. Doheny moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and the motion was seconded by Mr. Fontana.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana read the following resolution:

2. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning commission for the acceptance of the following road as a road of the Town of North Haven: Pierpont Court.

Mr. Fontana motioned to adopt the resolution as read and the motion was seconded by Mr. Doheny.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny read the following resolution:

3. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to adopt a superseding North Haven Open Burning Ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Fontana stated he feels this is a good idea and has been a problem in Town. Mr. Freda stated that Attorney Jen Coppola drafted the ordinance. Ms. Coppola stated that the problem with our current ordinance is that it is outdated and Chief Landisio was instrumental in bringing this forward.

Mr. Doheny motioned to accept the resolution as presented, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Fontana.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Fontana read the following resolution:

4. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to adopt a North Haven Blight Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Freda noted that this has been discussed extensively among our P & Z Department and Economic Development Commission. Theresa Viele was also very helpful. Ms. Coppola stated that the ordinance is a combination of several ordinances from other towns, but with some other provisions for elderly and those suffering from financial hardship. Mr. Fontana and Mr. Doheny noted that they would appreciate having copies of the ordinances available in the future when voting. Mr. Freda agreed. Ms. Coppola went on to discuss the ordinance in greater detail.

Mr. Fontana motioned to accept the resolution as presented, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Doheny.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda stated that with regard to item number five we are asking the town to consider a \$14,000,000 long term capital improvement plan. This will be discussed at the Annual Town Meeting. What they will be doing today is voting on the future resolution and the authorization to open up a discussion at the Town meeting, with a referendum to follow. Mr. Freda stated that he feels the Town is in desperate need of capital improvements. The Town's financial position today is very strong and interest rates are low. He also believes that bonding for capital improvement projects helps stimulate jobs and growth. It is for roads; paving and milling, a public works garage, and firehouse renovations. A discussion continued in greater detail, including comments by Ed Swinkoski, Director of Finance, and Mark Chapman, of Independent Bond and Investment Consultants.

Mr. Freda read the following item.

5. To receive communications from Town officials with respect to a future resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$14,000,000 For Various Capital Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$14,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose". (Discussion only.)

Mr. Doheny moved to accept the resolution.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Doheny moved to accept the call read at the beginning of the meeting.

Vote: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Mr. Freda asked for public comments. Mr. Gary Amato, Pool Road, asked if there will any voting at the Town Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Freda responded yes, items 1,2,3, and 4. Mr. Amato asked about the issue of property owners who can't afford to rectify their blight issues. Ms. Coppola discussed the issue along with how the blight ordinance will affect commercial property as well.

He also wanted to be assured that there would be no voting at the Town Meeting on the Bond issue. Mr. Freda stated there would not be. He also asked about the date of the referendum and would it be on the November ballot. Mr. Freda said it would not be on the November ballot because it is already beyond the date allowed by Statute.

There being no further comments or further business Mr. Freda entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Doheny moved for adjournment at 8:30 a.m.

Vote: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes