

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**May 27, 2014**

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:30 am in the conference room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Sally J. Buemi

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, the Board proceeded with the first resolution on the agenda. Ms. Buemi introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$69,814,452 for design and construction of a renovate as new and new academic addition project at the North Haven Middle School at 55 Bailey Road at the site of the existing North Haven Middle School. The project shall consist of approximately 135,847 square feet of building space to serve approximately 773 students, including (1) a two-story academic wing, an approximately 450-seat auditorium, an approximately 350-seat gymnasium, cafeteria, library-media center, and parking lots for visitor and staff parking, (2) demolition of a portion of the existing middle school facility located at 55 Bailey Road, and (3) construction of athletic fields and facilities at the site; that the Building Committee established for the project will determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$69,814,452 to finance the appropriation.

Miss Buemi questioned the inclusion of the resurfacing of the running track at Vanacore Field into the Middle School Building Project. She was concerned that it may be outside the scope of the project. Mr. Freda explained that the Board of Education ratified changes to the educational specs to include athletic fields and facilities. Gary Johns, Chairman for the Middle School Building Committee, explained that the track is utilized by the middle school students and technically all one parcel. The Selectmen continued to discuss the issue. Miss Buemi made it clear that she was in support of the merits of the project, and does not want to see anything jeopardize it, but would place a call to the town attorney just to clarify the legalities of the issue.

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the resolution, seconded by Miss Buemi.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi read the call for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT at 6:45 P.M. concerning a

program to be submitted for approval under the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the motion to approve the call for the Public Hearing.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi and Mr. Doheny read the call for a Special Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, CT, at 7:00 P.M., to consider and act upon the following:

- a. To consider the approval of requested programs in accordance with the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. A public hearing on these programs will be held at 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street, North Haven, Connecticut, immediately preceding the Special Town Meeting.
- b. RESOLVED: Consider proposal by Steven Nugent dated April 28, 2014, in response to the Town's Request for Proposal, to purchase the Town's real estate tax liens on 445 Washington Avenue and warn a meeting of the Town Meeting for action on the subject proposal pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-195h.
- c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$69,814,452 for design and construction of a renovate as new and new academic addition project at the North Haven Middle School at 55 Bailey Road at the site of the existing North Haven Middle School. The project shall consist of approximately 135,847 square feet of building space to serve approximately 773 students, including (1) a two-story academic wing, an approximately 450-seat auditorium, an approximately 350-seat gymnasium, cafeteria, library-media center, and parking lots for visitor and staff parking, (2) demolition of a portion of the existing middle school facility located at 55 Bailey Road, and (3) construction of athletic fields and facilities at the site; that the Building Committee established for the project will determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$69,814,452 to finance the appropriation.
- d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby designates for submission to the voters at referendum to be held June 17, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes, an item for consideration at a Special Town Meeting to be held June 3, 2014: a resolution appropriating \$69,814,452 for design and construction of a renovate as new and new academic addition project at the North Haven Middle School and authorizing the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$69,814,452 to finance the appropriation. The Notice of the Special Town Meeting and referendum in the form presented to this meeting is approved. The form of the question to be placed on the paper ballots or voting machines shall be as stated in such Notice.

Voters approving said resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution shall vote "No". Electors will vote at the polling places indicated in

the Notice. People qualified to vote in the town meetings who are not electors will vote at the polling place indicated in the Notice.

Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

Following a brief discussion of the selectmen regarding the sale of the tax lien as listed in item (b), Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the resolutions and call for the special town meeting.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

There being no public comment, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn at 8:58 A.M., seconded by Mr. Doheny.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes