

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**December 3, 2015**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

### **Members Present**

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

Mr. Freda welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself and his fellow Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda then proceeded with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Freda asked to entertain a motion to amend the agenda to include a resignation letter. Mr. Doheny motioned to amend the agenda to include the resignation of Mark Kornacki from the Housing Authority Commission effective January 1, 2016 as well as the appointment of Richard LoPresti, 175 Sentinel Hill Road, to fill the unexpired term of Mark Kornacki expiring December 31, 2016. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda. Mr. Gary Amato, Pool Road, asked if the Town had received the results from the playground. Mr. Freda said yes, and he will go over them in his overview.

Miss Buemi motioned for the approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting on November 5, 2015; Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the appointment of Sally Buemi, 5 Blossom Drive, North Haven, CT as Secretary to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Freda seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda continued the meeting with an overview. Mr. Freda reminded everyone of last meeting's spirited discussion regarding Grover Wyman Park, which lead to the Town testing the Park. Mr. Freda showed the report created by HD Segur Insurance Company in 2012 which reviewed every park in North Haven. Mr. Freda offered packets which included key elements of the report as well as depicted the work which had been done by the Town since the

report. Mr. Freda shared that HD Segur did not actually test for arsenic but observed the likely presence of arsenic due to the color of the pressure treated wood. They did express concerns that the playscape was not ADA compliant. Following last month's Board of Selectmen meeting, Mr. Freda commissioned a test for both the wood and the soil. The company tested for arsenic, lead, copper, and chromium. Mr. Freda shared the results of the test as well as the recommendation of resealing the wood every year as treatment. Mr. Freda then shared that he would continue to test the park in the future. Mr. Freda then opened the floor for questions pertaining to this issue.

Mr. Charlie Flanagan, Green Hill Road, shared that he has worked in insurance for over thirty years, which has included some projects with similar tests. Mr. Flanagan felt as though the public comments from last month's meeting relative to the playground were outrageous and slanderous. Mr. Flanagan commended the Town for taking action.

Mr. Amato shared that he was quite shocked that the park was not closed. Mr. Amato inquired about bringing in an expert to discuss the report. Mr. Freda said he would consider that.

Mr. Robert Pethick, Summer Lane, shared that he believes that individuals need to have the facts when they address the Board. He also believes that the Board could be advised about issues prior to the meeting so they have the opportunity to obtain the appropriate information and facts.

Mr. Bob DeMauro, Lincoln Street, asked what the levels of arsenic were in 2012 and 2013. Mr. Freda said that we do not know because the study did not test for it. Mr. DeMauro shared that he believes children were exposed in 2012 and 2013. Following some pugnacious conversation, Mr. Doheny posed to Mr. DeMauro why he chose to bring the matter up at a Board of Selectmen meeting, rather than calling Mr. Freda. Mr. Doheny further described Mr. DeMauro's actions as frankly suspicious; Mr. DeMauro agreed with him.

Miss Buemi shared that she was concerned that the sealing was not completed earlier. She further believes that the Town should not focus on the past, but instead should prioritize the safety of the park moving forward.

Mr. Brian Testa, Maple Avenue, shared that he believed that misinformation regarding the "greenness" of the wood was inappropriate. He believes that the green on wood indicates cooper, not arsenic. This resulted in some acrimonious discussion and disagreement between Mr. Testa, Mr. DeMauro, and then Mrs. Jean DeMauro.

Mr. Jim Ryan, South Avenue, shared that there should be rigor and discipline for the testing schedule.

Ms. Mary White, Summer Lane, asked if the results indicate higher levels, perhaps a sign should be posted to indicate the risks.

Mr. Amato shared that the children should be the priority of the Town.

Moving on to the next order of business, Miss Buemi addressed Mr. Freda regarding a resident's concern. The unnamed resident claimed to see a Public Works vehicle on Crestview mowing a private citizen's lawn, and wanted to know the reason why. Mr. Freda said he would look into this.

Miss Buemi then addressed her item on the agenda regarding the Town Green Cemetery. She believes that the cemetery is in a battered state and recommended establishing a Town Green Cemetery Advisory Committee to research and advise the Cemetery Commission of possible actions. Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny agreed that the Chairman of the Cemetery Commission should be advised of the potential committee prior to any formation. Mr. Doheny stated to let the record reflect that the Board of Selectmen supports Miss Buemi's suggestion.

The Board then proceeded to the next item for consideration. Following a brief explanation by Mr. Freda, Miss Buemi read the following resolution into the record.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that the Town Meeting approve, and authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of the Town, the Memorandum of Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Coordination Services by and between the Towns of North Haven, East Haven, Hamden, North Branford, Orange, Woodbridge, the Cities of West Haven and New Haven and American Medical Response of Connecticut.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the resolution.

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

Following consideration by the Board, Miss Buemi read the following read the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** To Call a Special Town Meeting to be held Thursday, December 17, 2015 at North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room #1, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT, at 5:30 P.M., for the Town Meeting to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to approve, and authorize the First Selectman to execute on behalf of the Town, the Memorandum of Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Coordination Services by and between the Towns of North Haven, East Haven, Hamden, North Branford, Orange, Woodbridge, the Cities of West Haven and New Haven and American Medical Response of Connecticut.

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the resolution.

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

Prior to Mr. Palma's appointment, Miss Buemi voiced her concern that appointing Mr. Palma as Tree Warden might violate the Charter provision that says any appointed official must be a North Haven resident. After a brief discussion with Attorney Donofrio, confirming that the residency requirement in the Charter does not apply to this appointment, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Victor Palma, 83 Woodvale Drive, Northford 06472, as the Tree Warden, for a two (2) year term to expire December 31, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Michael J. Freda (R), 90 Highland Park Road, to the Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association, Board of Governors, for a two (2) year term to expire December 1, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Laurie Jean Hannon (R), 26 Highland Park Road, to the Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association, Board of Governors, for a two (2) year term to expire December 1, 2017. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of David Carney, 56 Hayward Road, Hamden, CT 06514, as Animal Control Officer for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring on December 31, 2016.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned reappointment of Chrystal Rashba, 76 Clifton Street, Wallingford, CT 06492 as Assistant Animal Control Officer for a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring on December 31, 2016. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Robert Bykowski (R), 99 Spring Road, Land Records Auditor, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.

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

Mr. Doheny and Miss Buemi motioned the reappointment of Jeremy J. Bykowski (U), 175 Clintonville Road, Land Records Auditor, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned the reappointment of James Giuletti (D), 11 Falcon Crest Drive, to the Regional Planning Agency of South Central Connecticut, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017. Mr. Doheny

seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Claudia Giulietti (D), 11 Falcon Crest Drive, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Ameer Lunn (U), 30 Melissa Drive, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Robin Clark (U), 75 Hartley Street, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Lynn Fredricksen (R), 95 Pool Road, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Steven M. Miller (R), 5 Round Hill Road, to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Philip Kinsella (U), 135 Tokeneke Drive, to the Building Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2020. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Alden Mead (D), 200 Rimmon Road, to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Michael J. Freda (R), 90 Highland Park Road, to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term effective December 1, 2015 to expire November 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Ronald L. Bathrick, Jr. (R), 37 Susan Lane, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term

effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Christine Orris (R), 15 Allen Road, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018.

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

Miss Buemi expressed her concern that appointing the First Selectman as a full member to the Economic Development Commission, with voting rights, may violate the Charter. Attorney Donofrio stated that the Town Charter specifies the First Selectman as an ex officio member of certain Boards/Commissions and while that obviates the need for his appointment to those Boards/Commissions, it does not preclude his appointment to a Board/Commission as a voting member. Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment Michael J. Freda (R), 90 Highland Park Road, to the Economic Development Commission for a two (2) year term effective December 1, 2015 to expire November 30, 2017. Miss Buemi seconded the motion. Mr. Freda recused himself from the vote.

Vote: Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Richard LoPresti (R), 175 Sentinel Hill Road, to the Economic Development Commission for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.\* Mr. Freda seconded the motion. Miss Buemi recused herself from the vote.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Alan Sturtz (D), 136 Hartley Street, to the Economic Development Commission for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.\* Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Radha R. Prasad (D), 120 Blakeslee Avenue, to the Economic Development Commission for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2017.\* Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the appointment of Pamela DeSimone (U), 33 Sara Circle to the Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018. Mr. Freda seconded the motion. Miss Buemi recused herself from the vote.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

Miss Buemi motioned for the appointment of Ronald L. Bathrick, Jr. (R), 37 Susan Lane, to the Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018. Mr. Doheny seconded.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Kerri Kennealy (U), 36 Pool Road, to the Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2018.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Anthony P. Solli (U), 53 Fieldstone Court, to the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2020.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Steven J. Nugent (U), 335 Kings Highway, to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Miss Buemi seconded the motioned.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Mark R. Trojanowski (R), 49 Jennifer Drive, to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Ann Garsten (D), 225 Millbrook Road, to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Miss Buemi seconded the motioned.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Cheryl Anne Juniewicz (D), 101 Knollwood Road, to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Steven M. Miller (R), 5 Round Hill Road, as an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Ruth Bryant (D), 30 Blue Hills Road, to the Library Board of Directors for a six (6) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2021. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Michael E. Fletcher (R), 35 Ansonia Drive, to the Library Board of Directors for a six (6) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2021.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Jeanne Saldanha (U), 390 Mansfield Road, to the Library Board of Directors for a six (6) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2021.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Robert Kowaleski (R), 5 Wilson Avenue, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Mary Lou Stamp (D), 292 Upper State Street, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Bernie Pellegrino (R), 10 Marlborough Road, to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Scott Abercrombie (U), 21 Conhurst Drive, to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Dayle Sheridan (D), 94 Garfield Avenue, to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2016 expiring December 31, 2019.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of Michael J. Freda (R), 90 Highland Park Road, to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a two year (2) term effective December 1, 2015 to expire November 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the reappointment of Brian Havens, North Haven Funeral Home Director, as Sub Registrar of Vital Records for the Town of North Haven as recommended by J. Stacey Yarbrough, Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Records for

the Town of North Haven effective December 1, 2015 terminating on November 30, 2017. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Miss Buemi motioned for the reappointment of John Iacobucci, Washington Memorial Funeral Home Director, as Sub Registrar of Vital Records for the Town of North Haven as recommended by J. Stacey Yarbrough, Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Records for the Town of North Haven effective December 1, 2015 terminating on November 30, 2017. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the resignation of Mark Kornacki, 40 Whitney Ridge Terrace, from the Housing Authority Commission effective January 1, 2016. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Doheny motioned for the appointment of Richard LoPresti, 175 Sentinel Hill Road, to the Housing Authority Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mark Kornacki to expire on December 31, 2016. Mr. Freda seconded the motion. Miss Buemi recused herself from the vote.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes

Miss Buemi motioned, seconded by Mr. Doheny for the release of the following bonds with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission:

#P14-16 – 3 Lincoln Street, Suite Development, LLC – release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00.

#P14-22 – 448 Washington Avenue, 448 Washington Avenue, LLC – release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00.

#P13-39 – 200 State Street, Gabriel J. Zurolo – release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00

#P14-14 – 249 State Street, Cumberland Gulf Group of Companies – release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

Mr. Doheny moved and Miss Buemi seconded the approval of the following property tax refunds:

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

- Ari Fleet LT – 4001 Leadenhall Road, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054, in the amount of \$195.35.
- Castiglione, Mark J. – 65 Hansen Farm Road, North Haven, CT 06473, in the amount of \$206.53.
- Chase Auto Finance Corp – Box 901098, Fort Worth, TX 76101, in the

amount of \$312.15.

- Honda Lease Trust – 600 Kelley Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681, in the amount of \$81.49.
- Hyundai Lease Titling – 260 Interstate N Circle, Atlanta, GA 30348, in the amount of \$131.66.
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial, Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290, in the amount of \$386.14, and in the amount of \$84.14, and in the amount of \$472.10, and in the amount of \$358.78, and in the amount of \$206.53, and in the amount of \$276.11, and in the amount of \$332.51, and in the amount of \$240.98, and in the amount of \$143.43, and in the amount of \$139.89.

Mr. Freda then stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT. Mr. Doheny shared that he is unavailable and if the Board could consider rescheduling.

Mr. Freda opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Amato, inquired about the stumps located around town. Mr. Amato further stated that he feels that the Town should be more focused on installing sidewalks than securing open space. Mr. Amato further stated that he believes there is an individual who is not on the Middle School Building Committee who has a great deal of power and is swaying purchasing to their liking. Mr. Amato feels that there is a conflict of interest and wanted to know why Mr. Freda has not done anything about it.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, shared that he believes that people are dwelling too much on the stumps.

Mr. Al Warren, Charles Court, asked about the procedure for the treatment of the park. He then inquired about property Quinnipiac acquired for equestrian uses and its eligibility for taxation.

Mr. Michael Nappe, Skiff Street, asked if there is no sidewalk, is a homeowner responsible for the 10 foot right of way. Mr. Freda said he would look into it.

Mr. Freda asked for additional public comment, hearing none, Mr. Freda wished everyone happy holidays and commended the North Haven High School Football team for their accomplishments. Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn with a second from Mr. Doheny at 8:55 pm.

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

*\*Terms for appointments to the Economic Development Commission should be three*

*years, expiring December 31, 2018. Appointments will be corrected at the January, 2016 meeting.*