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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**  
**NORTH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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At approximately 7:05 p.m., the Town Clerk, J. Stacey Yarbrough, called the meeting to order. After a brief introduction, the Town Clerk explained to those present the first necessity of the Annual Town Budget Meeting, explaining the all the steps involved in the making of a budget for the Town and Board of Education each year.

Thereafter, the Town Clerk advised that the next step would be for the election of a meeting Moderator, and the requirements of the same.

The Town Clerk opened the nomination process to the floor. After a nomination for Mrs. Theresa Ranciato-Viele to serve as meeting moderator, and after a second upon said nomination, and with no further nominations, the question was called and a vote was taken, resulting in Mrs. Ranciato-Viele unanimously elected, by voice vote, as meeting Moderator.

The meeting Moderator took to the front of the conference room counter, thanked those present, and asked the Town Clerk to read the call of the meeting.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting:

The legal voters and those duly qualified to vote in the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of North Haven were warned of this Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of North Haven to be held tonight in my office and by way of publication in a local town newspaper publication. Having received appropriate written notice and warning of the annual town budget meeting and posted same, I hereby convene this annual town budget meeting of the electors, those citizens registered to vote, and citizens qualified to vote at town meetings, being any citizen of the United States eighteen years of age or more who pay taxes to the town on an assessment of property of not less than \$1,000 on the most recent Grand List, for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017;
2. To establish the due date and number of installments for the payment of property taxes (*Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor*

*Vehicle and Supplemental Motor Vehicle*) in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

3. Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and to submit the question concerning the adoption of a budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, including the establishment of the exact hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-9b, that voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following North Haven polling place:

- ***ALL DISTRICTS - Mildred Wakeley Rec. Center, 7 Linsley Street***

The aforesaid recommendations will be placed on paper ballots as the following question: ***“Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$50,799,285 for the Board of Education and \$43,675,592 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$94,474,877 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017?”*** Voters approving said question will vote “YES” and those opposing said question will vote “NO”.

The Moderator then advised, as noted by the Town Clerk, and pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-7, and in accordance with action taken at the Board of Finance meeting in April, that the Annual Town Budget Meeting would adjourn at its conclusion and submit the question concerning the adoption of the budget discussed tonight for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to a vote by paper ballot.

The Town Clerk then read the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) items on the agenda for the evening:

- To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to take action regarding the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; and
- Pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to adjourn said town meeting at its conclusion and submit the question concerning the adoption of the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 to a vote by paper ballot on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, including the establishment of the exact hours of voting at REFERENDUM, pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-9b, that voting will take place between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following North Haven polling place

ONLY: ALL DISTRICTS -- MILDRED WAKELY REC.  
CENTER, 7 LINSLEY STREET.

AND that the following question shall be placed on paper ballot:

***“Shall the Town of North Haven, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance, approve and adopt a budget consisting of \$50,799,285 for the Board of Education and \$43,675,592 for the Town Government, for a total amount of \$94,474,877 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017?”***

The Town Clerk requested, and was provided, a second upon the resolution.

The Moderator opened the discussion period for item number one of the night’s agenda: First Selectman Mike Freda spoke as to the Town’s budget. After he concluded his presentation, he took numerous comments and questions by members of the meeting.

Superintendent Cronin spoke as to the Board of Education’s budget. After he concluded his presentation, he took numerous comments and questions by members of the meeting.

After the discussion time period was completed, the Moderator reminded all that were present that the first and third resolutions would be sent to referendum on May 17, 2016, thus no vote taken tonight.

The Moderator requested that Town Clerk read the next item on the agenda.

The Town Clerk then read the second (2nd) item on the agenda for the evening:

**THE CLERK WILL READ THE SECOND AND FINAL ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED THIS EVENING...**To establish the due date and number of installments for the payment of property taxes,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon approval of the town budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and, in accordance with Section 12-142 & 12-144 of the Connecticut General Statutes, insofar as the adoption of the budget calls for the laying of a tax on property other than motor vehicles, the tax shall be due in two semi-annual installments on July 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, respectively, and shall be payable without penalty by August 1, 2016 and February 2, 2017, respectively;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that insofar as such tax applies to motor vehicles, in accordance with Section 12-144a of the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in a single installment on July 1, 2016 and payable without penalty by August 1, 2016; and as to supplementary taxes on motor vehicles, as provided in Section 12-71b of

the Connecticut General Statutes, such tax shall be due in a single installment on January 1, 2017 and payable without penalty by February 2, 2017.

After the Town Clerk obtained a second upon the pending resolutions, the Moderator opened the discussion period for item number two of the night's agenda.

None of those present at the meeting asked to speak, therefore the Moderator put the resolutions to a vote.

Agenda item Number two passed with a unanimous vote of the members of the meeting for both parts.

The Moderator noted that as there was no further business to be conducted at the Annual Town Budget Meeting, the meeting would be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk would report the minutes of the meeting as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THIS 9th  
DAY OF MAY 2016



**J. STACEY YARBROUGH**  
*TOWN CLERK & REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS/TAX  
COLLECTOR  
TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN*