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**Another Difficult Budget Season**

To The Editor: March 5, 2026  
As North Haven heads into another difficult budget season, residents deserve a full and transparent picture of the choices facing our town.

Last year's budget already included significant increase; early discussions suggest this year may be even more challenging. Rising costs, contractual salary obligations, insurance increases, and reductions in outside funding are putting pressure on every department.

At the Board of Education budget workshop, potential consequences of a constrained education budget were discussed. Possibilities included cutting administrative roles, eliminating coordinator positions, reducing non-certified staff, eliminating summer school stipends, cutting enrichment programs, reducing teacher and athletic supplies, eliminating under-enrolled high school courses, and potentially removing world language at the middle school.

These aren't minor adjustments. They represent meaningful parts of the educational experience our students receive. No one wants to eliminate jobs or reduce opportunities for students, and programs like middle school world language are widely seen as important preparation for high school and beyond.

If residents are being asked to consider difficult choices in education, it's reasonable to ask whether the same level of scrutiny is being applied across the entire town budget. After reviewing recent budget workshops, it's not always clear that all departments were represented. Without hearing from every department, it's difficult for residents to understand the full picture or where adjustments might be possible.

Additionally, some individual spending proposals raise reasonable questions. For example, is a proposed \$40,000 digital marquee sign for the library necessary right now? Could voluntary donations help offset the library's \$3,500 request for reading programs? Is adding an \$80,000 full-time social worker shared between police and fire the only option, or might alternative support models be considered? And is a \$75,000 fire department needs assessment essential this year? Together, those items alone approach \$200,000.

At the same time, residents may ultimately face a difficult reality: maintaining the quality of our schools and town services may require supporting another tax increase. That's never an easy decision, but strong schools and strong communities require investment. North Haven residents deserve the full picture so they can make that decision thoughtfully.

Respectfully,  
Heather Tolisano, North Haven Resident, Registered Nurse, and Parent of North Haven students

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**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF DECISION**

Notice is hereby given that following a Public Hearing on the Town of North Haven, Connecticut Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Municipal Plan prepared pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-307e, held at the regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library at 17 Elm Street, North Haven, the Board voted to approve the ATESD Municipal Plan and to authorize the Police Chief and Town Attorney to review and approve any necessary minor corrections or revisions to the Municipal Plan prior to its submission to the Connecticut Department of Transportation. A copy of the Municipal Plan submitted to the DOT will be posted in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Board of Selectmen's 2026 meeting page on the Town website at [https://www.northhaven-ct.gov/government/public\\_meetings/board\\_of\\_selectmen/2026.php](https://www.northhaven-ct.gov/government/public_meetings/board_of_selectmen/2026.php).

**Plaques to be Provided Identifying North Haven's Historic Homes**

The North Haven Historical Society & Museums is excited to announce that it will be providing plaques to historic homeowners.

Signage identifying historic homes is often seen in communities that value their historic resources. These plaques are a public "thank you" to the owners for maintaining these properties. They also showcase the historical provenance of these homes. The Historical Society believes that providing these plaques, free of charge to the homeowners, is one way they can promote a greater knowledge and appreciation of local history.

The North Haven Historical Society & Museums is now in the process of identifying homes/properties of historic interest. The Historical Society is most interested in suggestions from

residents.

Individuals who believe their homes/properties should be so identified please contact us at (203) 39-7722 or email us at [nhhistsoc@gmail.com](mailto:nhhistsoc@gmail.com).

If you know of a property in your neighborhood that you believe should be identified, please reach out to us, as well. Once the society has finalized the first group of properties to be acknowledged, owners of those homes will be contacted by mail. Participation is voluntary, and property owners will be fully informed of the history of their property, the size and appearance of the plaque, and placement details.

Eventually the Society would like to provide markers for all its historic properties; we hope you can help us with this project!

**STATEPOINT MEDIA**  
THEME: THE OSCARS

- ACROSS
1. Traction aid
  6. Freddy's street
  9. Reach a high
  13. Italian bowling
  14. Entrepreneur Gary Vaynerchuk's alias, Gary \_\_\_\_\_
  15. Jolly good one
  16. Parallel grooves
  17. Many, many moons
  18. "Take it back!"
  19. \*\*"Song Sung Blue" Best Actress nominee
  21. \*Movie with most 2026 Oscar nominations
  23. Make a seam
  24. Vampire's tooth
  25. Tai's partner
  28. South American monkey
  30. Naphthenic acid + palmitic acid
  35. Pilot's stunt
  37. Forbidden, to a baby
  39. Vampire of Greek mythology
  40. Italian wine region
  41. Not Astro turf
  43. Alpine lift
  44. Sports figures, e.g.
  46. Cantina pot
  47. Email folder
  48. Not vivid and bright
  50. Nessie's abode
  52. \*Jamie Foxx won for his role in this 2004 biopic
  53. Eagle's nest
  55. Unreliable newspaper
  57. \*2026 nominated film with Stone and Plemons
  61. \*Chloé Zhao's nominee
  64. Newton or Stern
  65. Romanion money
  67. Star-crossed one
  69. To the point
  70. a.k.a sodium hydroxide
  71. Novelist Zola
  72. Formerly, formerly
  73. Aye-aye
  74. "He \_\_\_\_\_ it like it is"

DOWN

1. Not NBC or ABC
2. Reluctant
3. Pantyhose hue
4. DNA and RNA, e.g.
5. Cups and saucers
6. 20-20, e.g.
7. \*\*"One Battle After Another" Best Actor nominee
8. High IQ society
9. \*#7's nominated co-star
10. "Anything \_\_\_\_\_?"
11. Wing-shaped
12. K to Romans, pl.
15. Like athlete's foot
20. Behind on rent, e.g.
22. Night spot
24. At last
25. Necklace fastener
26. Popular garden perennial
27. I to Greeks, pl.
29. \*2026 nominated Benicio del \_\_\_\_\_
31. Benatar and Morita
32. Fly in \_\_\_\_\_, or a reminder of the past
33. Tarzan's swing rope
34. \*Fictional table tennis champ
36. \*Nominated "F1" star
38. Nobel Peace Prize capital
42. Sacrum, pl.
45. Communicating with spirits event
49. Hawaiian flower garland
51. \*Inspiration for #61 Across
54. Pep gathering
56. Lawn ornament
57. Angler's hope
58. \_\_\_\_\_-friendly
59. Needlefish, pl.
60. Brewer's kiln
61. Color wheel elements
62. Like fairytale stepmothers?
63. Be a snitch
66. Payment for an eye
68. Hi-\_\_\_\_\_ graphics

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**March 26, 2026**

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of North Haven, Connecticut, will be held in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

1. To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$400,000 for interior renovations to Memorial Town Hall; the project shall consist of asbestos abatement, exterior masonry restoration, electrical modifications, and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, materials, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; to issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the total amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds received and not separately appropriated for the project; to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; and, to authorize the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

2. To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an additional \$900,000 (for an aggregate \$7,307,000) for costs related to the previously approved repairs and improvements to various Town roads and bridges, consisting of Pool Road drainage improvements, Kings Highway bridge replacement, Hartford Turnpike headwall replacement, and the milling and paving of various Town roadways, more particularly the Kings Highway bridge replacement; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and removal of materials, construction, equipment, materials, site improvements, survey costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; to authorize the issue of an additional \$900,000 (for an aggregate \$7,307,000) bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be reduced by the amount of grants received and not separately appropriated for the project, such grants are anticipated to be \$450,000 in State LOTCIP funds; to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; and, to authorize the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

3. To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$23,000,000 for improvements and repairs to the water pollution control facility, consisting of improvements and repairs to the primary clarifier, electrical distribution system and related work at the water pollution control facility on Universal Drive; the appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, installation costs, design, engineering and other consultants' fees, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; to issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 to finance the appropriation; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project and not separately appropriated; to provide that it is anticipated that the payment of the expenses of the project, including all debt service on bonds, notes, obligations, temporary notes and interim funding obligations issued shall be paid by from the Water Pollution Control Authority service fee account; to authorize the First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; and, to authorize the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Dated at North Haven, Connecticut, this 5th day of March, 2026.  
Board of Selectmen:  
Michael J. Freda, William J. Pieper, David A. Cohen