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Time to Choose a New Path for District 34

To The Editor: October 7, 2026

I write today to enthusiastically endorse Brandi Mandato for State Senator of the 34th district. Brandi is one of the most profoundly reliable and principled people I know. She is always quick to show up for others, offer insightful advice, and put shared goals ahead of personal glory.

This clashes at times with the world of politics where fragile egos that bark loudest often win the day. Brandi is not a career politician, however. She is a neighbor and a mom from our community who sees what's happening in Washington and in Connecticut and wants to set it right. As a working-class woman who struggles with rising costs alongside all of us, Brandi brings the voices of the voiceless with her in her daily work as a workforce development professional, building opportunity and crafting policy solutions at the highest levels of government and industry. This is why her experience and knowledge base translates so smoothly to the distinct needs of the five towns she will represent when we elect her in November.

While many other politicians were throwing up their hands as our schools were forced to lay off nearly 30 staff members, among the deepest cuts in the state, Brandi spent the bulk of last year educating voters about the fundamental unjustness of the tax code, which forces working families to carry the burden of rising municipal service and labor prices as the state's wealthiest get break after break. While our local politicians were voting against regulating big business's worst excesses and then feigning surprise when Amazon shows up to force invasive noisy drones over our backyards, Brandi was lobbying Democrats and Republicans to be bolder and more proactive about protecting consumers, workers, and our natural environment.

We've had over 20 years of Republican leadership in District 34. It's time to choose a new path that takes on our current predicament with the expertise and forward-thinking vision needed to get us the relief we all need. Whether voting early starting on October 19th, via no-excuse absentee ballot, or on election day November 3rd, make the right choice and vote Brandi Mandato for State Senator!

Tim Gabriele, North Haven

Brandi and Kathleen Will Fight for Our Schools

To The Editor: October 7, 2026

I was unable to attend the League of Women Voters event last Tuesday, but I watched the NHTV recording of opening remarks. While I wish I'd been able to attend and mingle with the candidates, I am grateful I was able to view the beginning of the night and hear what each candidate had to say.

Brandi Mandato and Kathleen Kimball used their 5 minutes to talk about issues they feel need immediate attention. One of those issues is education funding, a high priority for me. As a mom of 2, a veteran educator, and a BOE member, I spend the majority of my time advocating for education and students. I truly understand the importance of fully funding education.

Brandi discussed the need to fix the ECS formula. Everyone knows the formula is broken. It is proven each year when towns like North Haven continue to receive less funding than wealthier towns. How is that possible? The students of North Haven shouldn't have to continue "getting less" than peers in other towns due to a broken system. And while I greatly appreciate their efforts, the amazing and dedicated teachers of North Haven shouldn't have to keep doing "more with less" year after year. I know Brandi will advocate for bringing a fair share of funding back to North Haven schools. This inequity needs to stop!

Kathleen spoke about the 28 positions that were lost during the budget process this year. The impact of those losses will be felt for years to come. She pointed out that the taxpayers of North Haven are responsible for funding the majority of our school budget. North Haven continues to get less money than other districts in our DRG. I believe Kathleen will fight to fix this at the state level. North Haven taxpayers can't afford for things to continue the way they are now!

What I saw in these statements were 2 strong, dedicated, and passionate women who will work hard to ensure North Haven schools get more funding from the state. Our students, teachers, and taxpayers deserve a fair share.

Michele Guglielmo, North Haven

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Town of North Haven

COLUMBUS DAY WEEK
NO DELAY

Attention Residents: Please be advised there is NO DELAY in **Sanitation and Recycling services** for the Columbus Day holiday during the week of October 12th. All routes will be picked up as usual.

Northford & North Branford Public Libraries

EDWARD SMITH LIBRARY
UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for events at the Smith Library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/ or call (203) 484-0469.

Little Makers: Tues., Oct. 13, 10:30-11am. Come for 30 minutes of making. Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a birthday cupcake craft. Recommended ages 2-6.

Amazing Generation Book Club: Tues., Oct. 13, 6pm-7pm. Children in grades 3 and up and their families are invited to a discussion of delaying screen usage. We will discuss the #1 New York Times bestseller "The Amazing Generation" by Johnathan Haidt and Catherine Price, based on "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. Copies of the book can be picked up at Smith Library. Pizza and drinks provided. Activities for kids and siblings. Registration is recommended.

Chess Club: Wed., Oct. 14, 3:30-4:30pm. Wednesday Chess Club is for tweens and teens looking to play chess or join a group of players. Some previous knowledge is required. Beginners welcome. This is not an instructional group, but group members are willing to help new players. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration not required.

3D Printer Drop-in Event: Wed., Oct. 14, 4-7pm. Drop in to see our 3D printer in action. Ask about the process and get more information on how you can use 3D printing software from home. Registration not required.

Drop-In Tech Help: Thurs., Oct. 15, 10am-1pm. Personal tech help is available. First come, first serve. Limited to 30 minutes each. Bring a device that you need help with. No registration is required.

All About Artists - Alma Thomas: Thurs., Oct. 15, 5:30-6:30pm. Children ages 6-12 can join us for our All About Artists series, where we learn about different artists and create our own artwork in their style. This month we will learn about the painter Alma Thomas.

Tots & Tunes: Fri., Oct. 16, 10:30am-11am. Young children ages 18 months and up and their siblings can enjoy 30 minutes of songs, stories and movement. Parent or guardian must attend. Registration not required.

Monday Night Mah-Jongg: Mon., Oct. 19, 6pm-8pm. Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah-Jongg sets.

Little Makers: Tues., Oct. 20, 10:30-11am. Each session has a simple craft activity that we do together. This session we will make a shooting star craft. Recommended ages 2-6.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN OCTOBER 20, 2026

The annual 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 Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. for the following purpose:

a) To consider and vote upon Resolutions in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance concerning the adjustment of appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget transferring amounts over $20,000 in the total sum of $ 994,382.29 (nine hundred and ninety-four thousand, three hundred and eighty-two dollars and twenty-nine cents).

b) To consider and vote upon whether to adopt Article XIII. Exemptions for Veterans with Total Service-Connected Disability and Surviving Spouses of Residents Killed in Action of the Taxation Ordinance at Chapter 184 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Haven.

c) To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate $7,000,000 for reconstruction of Sackett Point Road; the project shall consist of the reconstruction, milling and paving of the roadway, installation and repair of sidewalks, lighting, signage, traffic controls, drainage and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, construction, demolition and removal costs, materials, installation, easements, equipment, 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 $7,000,000 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.

d) To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate $2,000,000 pedestrian and safety improvements on Church Street; the project shall consist of upgrades to roadway and sidewalk conditions, crosswalks, traffic controls, lighting, signage, handicap access, and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, construction, demolition and removal costs, materials, installation, easements, equipment, 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 $2,000,000 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; 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.

e) To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate $3,000,000 for construction of drainage improvements on Pool Road; the project shall consist of the improvements to, including replacements of storm drains, sewer pipes, curbs and runoff, pavement repairs, and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, construction, demolition and removal costs, materials, installation, easements, equipment, 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 $3,000,000 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 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.

f) To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate $7,000,000 for the milling and paving of Town roadways and drainage improvements; the project shall consist of milling and removal of waste materials, paving and materials, installation of manholes and drainage risers, traffic protection, including signage and police and flag personnel, and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, demolition and construction costs, equipment, furnishings, 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 issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed $7,000,000 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 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.

g) To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to appropriate $800,000 for the Connectivity Project; the project shall consist of the installation, repair of improvements to sidewalks, roads and other infrastructure in order to make conditions safer and more accommodating for pedestrians and bicyclists, improve safety and other related improvements and repairs; the appropriation may be spent for design, construction, demolition and removal costs, materials, construction, installation, easements, equipment, 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 $800,000 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 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 1 st day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Michael J. Freda, William J. Pieper, David A. Cohen

FOR SALE: Snow blower, 2-stage, (strong), (gasoline), Craftsman, good augur, needs carb cleaning $35. Pick up in Hamden. Call 3-8pm, (203) 287-5430 •

FOR SALE: Brand new motorized wheelchair, heavy duty, comes with charger. Able to recline and lift legs. Easy to operate. (203) 288-6232 •

WANTED: Old watches-pocket watches, wrist watches, working or not, watch parts, tools, bands, chains & fobs; (203) 494-2496, Bill •