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Proven Leadership on Results, Commitment and Presence

To The Editor: June 17, 2026

I recently read the letters criticizing First Selectman Mike Freda. Some of the authors are people I know personally and consider friends. I say that sincerely. But in this case, I respectfully disagree.

Michael is a dear friend, and I have had a front row seat to the way he leads this town.

To suggest that he has failed North Haven does not reflect the reality I have seen over many years.

Economic development is not just a talking point here. It is visible every day. Just take a drive down Washington Avenue/Route 5 or Universal Drive. That corridor is not "memory lane," it is success lane. Businesses have come in, others have expanded, and that growth did not happen by accident.

When Mike took office in 2010, the grand list stood at approximately $2,810,000,000. Today, it is over $4,250,000,000. That kind of sustained growth takes effort, persistence, and leadership.

But Mike's impact goes far beyond numbers.

He shows up for people. He takes the time to understand issues, to help where he can, and to support community efforts that bring our town together. He helped make Pride on the Town Green a reality. He is supporting events like the 250th anniversary event for America on the Green this July 19th. These are the kinds of things that build community, not just budgets.

We can and should have conversations about challenges facing our town. But let's not mix apples and pineapples. Local leadership and state-level funding are two very different issues, and combining them into one narrative does not give residents a clear picture of what is actually happening.

North Haven is not perfect. No town is. But it is stronger because of the work that has been done over the past decade and a half.

Leadership should be judged on results, commitment, and presence. By that standard, Mike Freda has delivered.

Sincerely,
Peter Criscuolo, Jr., North Haven

The Joy and Glory of Pride Day Event

To The Editor: June 19, 2026

I would like to begin by acknowledging all the hard work put in by our Pride committee. The dedication to authentic detail, the hours of organization and the many contacts that had to be realized is arduous and sometimes repetitive work but what is formed at the end of that effort in my eyes defies the traditional definition of beautiful into something more transcendent and deeper. The beauty of spirit, tribute and support obliterates the mask of indifference and ridicule and for at least this one day, a community of loving beings can live out loud and celebrate their unique lives with joy. A joy so intense, faces will glow in overcast grays, spontaneous dances erupt from a common bond of unity where Earth's children come together whatever their identity reveals, to experience freedom of their soul. To be even a small part of that warmth, distributing an embrace to someone who may not have enough is an awesome responsibility and an even stronger spiritual epiphany for this author and I truly believe for many others participating.

And then there is the power of Whitney Houston.

The glory of the pride event day is the camaraderie of all the many people volunteering their time and attention as if a magical elixir was shared among all of us. The atmosphere blessed from the beginning with familiar strangers and friends under sky blue and sun kissed elements for the day as if the ghosts of Stonewall proclaimed their presence, not allowing the monsters of misunderstanding near the castle of gratitude. Many smiles and tears were shared with an exchange of important dialogues.

As is customary after our pride celebrations, I come home after a day and night of celebration and quietly reflect. Once again I find myself captured in emotion. Initially I view it as an emotional hangover or possibly I think of it as an overwhelming contentment. How is it I get to this point every year?

It always happens after the Pride drag show party where everyone in attendance enjoys performers and music and becomes part of the moment with the audience. When the last song of the night is played, which is always "I Want to Dance with Somebody" by Whitney Houston, The whole meaning of the day is revealed by the line, "with somebody who loves me" For me, that's when it all hits. First, that Pride for this year is over and second, everyone that may feel alone or without support is able to dance with someone who loves them. I bring that thought home with me every time. Not only is everyone contributing their time and efforts on a large or small measure to make this event a wonderful experience, but all of us donate love. At this point in my reflection it becomes apparent to me that the jigsaw puzzle is completed by both an overwhelming contentment so intense that it breeds an emotional hangover I accept and cherish. I am excited for next year!

Michael Nappe, North Haven

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TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD NOTICE OF MEETING

TO RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The following decisions were rendered at the Meeting of the Blight Prevention Appeals Board held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at the Mildred A. Wakeley Community and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, Room #2, North Haven:

8 North Avenue:
Per the recommendation of the Blight Prevention Officer and pursuant to the Blight Prevention Ordinance, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Citation.

9 Pleasant Drive
The Board voted to continue the matter to its August 18, 2026, Meeting for a status update by the Blight Prevention Officer.

50 Rock Road:
The Board voted to continue the matter to its July 21, 2026, Meeting to consider at that time whether a Notice of Citation should issue.

JAMES D. NESDALE, SECRETARY OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN BLIGHT PREVENTION APPEALS BOARD

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS ON FILE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.