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DATE: May 23, 2024 ENDS AT 11:00AM

CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.

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Unit 1118 Patricia Hollby: furniture, bags, suitcases

Unit 2406 Yvonne Williams: bins, bags decorations

Unit 3524 Sabir Abdussabur: furniture, household, bins

Express yourself in our Letters to the Editor



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Avoid Cuts to Services - Vote YES

To The Editor: May 2, 2024

I am writing to urge North Haven voters to come out and vote YES at the budget referendum on May 21st. The current proposed budget needs to pass to avoid cuts to services that will directly impact all residents, as the First Selectman and Superintendent detailed at the April 9 budget hearing.

We chose to move to North Haven because of the proximity to work and family, lower taxes relative to surrounding towns, and good schools. Seven years later, those reasons still hold true, and we are grateful to be raising our 5- and 2-year-old here. We're excited for our oldest to start Kindergarten at Ridge Road this year – but we're worried, too. North Haven schools have been working magic for years to provide a solid education without the full funding needed to truly thrive. There is no capital budget for building improvements despite many elementary schools being 50+ years old and pushed to (or beyond) capacity. The district is scrambling to replace outdated materials for teaching kids how to read – a change that the district is pursuing in the best interest of students but that comes with a significant burden for educators. And school climate is suffering as teachers are asked, year after year, to deliver better results with fewer resources. These challenges are not insurmountable, but they require funding. We can't expect our public servants to make the magic happen forever. Students and families will soon bear the cost, far above the average $40/month tax increase most households will experience if this budget passes.

Approving this budget is a step towards investing in our town's future. We need to protect the invaluable services that our tax dollars provide. I want all residents to reap the benefits of strong schools, timely emergency services, a robust public library, and reliable trash pickup, but all of this is on the line. Please come out and vote YES on May 21st.

Eileen Honan Stabbe, North Haven

Vote NO on Proposed Budget

To The Editor: May 1, 2024

Vote NO on the proposed budget. Don't be intimidated by Mr. Freda's possibly needing to have layoffs and reduced services. Find the dollars needed to avoid this increase.

I belong to neither the Dem. or Rep. party. I am writing this letter Re: 2024-25 budget for the following reasons:

I am against this proposed budget. 2.65 mills too high. The mill rate went up 1.94 mills last and 2.65 this year for a total of 4.59 2 for 2 years.

Based on a home valued at $300,000.00 the tax increase would be $557.00 or $46.42 per month for 12 months. **Many homes and businesses are valued at more than $300,000. Some vacant lots are valued at $100,000 to $500,000.** How many taxpayers in North Haven can afford this increase?

The Budget needs to be reduced. Nancy Barrett BOF member proposed several reductions and only $70,000 was approved by the Republican members of the BOF.

The BOF needs to delve deeply into such an outrageous increase. Third selectman Miss Sally Buemi also proposed reductions and was ignored. Miss Sally, she does not support the increase.

VOTE NO ON THIS BUDGET.

Sherman Katz, North Haven

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FOR SALE: Dewalt string/ lawn trimmer, used, good cond., will include one battery and charger. Offered at $120 or best offer; (203) 285-5628 •

Support Brandi Mandato for the 34th District

Greetings North Haven Friends: May 2, 2024

I am writing today to tell you about my friend Brandi Mandato. Brandi and I met almost two years ago as young parents in North Haven, raising very little kids. We connected as mothers, talking about various "kid stuff" and shared our hopes for a joyful, safe, and community-focused childhood for our kids. Both Brandi and I had lived in big, vibrant cities prior to moving to North Haven. While I was raised here in North Haven, Brandi is from New Haven, and the oldest of 8 kids. We both chose this town to be closer to our big Italian extended families.

Brandi is the epitome of "eldest" daughter energy. She is intentional, efficient, and civic-minded in all aspects of her life. Brandi and I aligned most about our desire for North Haven to be a safe place for all children and adults, to be their full authentic selves. We wanted ALL people to know they belonged in North Haven, and wanted to challenge any old, rigid, stereotype of what it meant to be a "North Havener." After several "coffee talks", and a lot of brainstorming with like-minded parents and town officials, Brandi and I became co-chairs of North Haven Pride in January of 2023. Last year, we launched and celebrated North Haven Pride's very first Pride Day celebration on our town green and welcomed over 1,200 attendees. It was a day of pure awe, inspiration, joy, and love!

Why am I sharing all of this with you? Because about a week ago, Brandi decided that she would enter the race for CT State Senate of the 34th District.

Brandi Mandato is one of the hardest working people I have ever met. She is someone who truly "walks the walk" of what she believes in. She is solution focused, and a critical problem solver of challenging issues. She is a scout thinker who doesn't hold opinions out of ego. She grows with new information and is compassionate towards PEOPLE, but RUTHLESS towards systems of injustice.

I don't know of a better candidate to represent our 34th District than Brandi. She will fight hard for us in Hartford, and change our district for the better!

Please join me in supporting Brandi Mandato for the 34th District!

Jamie Buller Krzmarzick, North Haven

Residents Urged to Attend Budget Hearing

To the Editor: May 2, 2024

On May 13th North Haven will hold a public budget hearing at NHHS. On May 21st the budget will go to a town vote. This budget will increase taxes by 2.65 mills. This will cost my household an extra $38 per month. To me, that amount is reasonable in order to continue the services that our wonderful town currently provides. I understand a tax increase is never something anyone wants. I know that many households are having to make adjustments as we all deal with increased costs everywhere. The Town and the BOE are not exempt from these increases. Everything they do to keep our town and schools running efficiently is costing more. Voting no to this budget will cause both the Town and the BOE to make further reductions.

In my opinion, Mr. Freda and Mr. Stirk have always been very mindful of how they spend taxpayer dollars. I trust their judgment. Both have presented their budgets multiple times. They have worked hard to come up with a budget that keeps the tax increase as low as possible while maintaining the services residents have come to expect. Mr. Freda has said voting no could affect part-time staff at our library, recreation center, and pool. Those cuts could affect programming for our children as well as things we all enjoy like our summer concerts. In many other towns things like bulk trash and leaf pickup are the first things to go. Many other towns also pay to use their dump. Any further reductions to the BOE budget will affect our children and the ability to try and make improvements, especially to our aging elementary schools.

I moved to this town 13 years ago because of the schools. Moving my family here is the best decision I have ever made for my children. I am very happy with the North Haven school system. I will be voting YES on May 21st so the Town and BOE can continue doing a great job.

I encourage all residents to attend the upcoming budget hearing on May 13th in order to make an informed decision on May 21st.

Michele Guglielmo, North Haven

I WAS JUST THINKING.....

By Sally J. Buemi
Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking about the Annual Budget Town Meeting which will take place on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the North Haven High School Auditorium. First Selectman Mike Freda will be presenting the town operating budget (public works, police, fire, recreation, etc.) and Superintendent of Schools Patrick Stirk will be presenting the Board of Education budget for the upcoming 2024/2025 Fiscal Year.

I urge all town residents to attend, especially because the proposed budget will raise the mill rate by 2.65 mills (from 32.65 to 35.30). This equates to an 8.1% increase in the mill rate, which means taxes are going up by 8.1%. Let me give two examples: If you currently pay $7,000 in yearly house taxes, your new tax bill be $7,567. If you currently pay $9,000 (and many of you pay that much or more) then your new tax bill will be $9,729. With increases like this, you deserve to know the details of the proposed budget. Therefore, please attend the Town Meeting on May 13th so that you may make an informed decision when you vote in the budget referendum on May 21st.

I am against this budget. I think the Board of Finance must make spending reductions, and I think there is room for increases in other revenue sources. Both of these actions, together, will reduce that mill rate and ease the burden on our taxpayers. We must eliminate all new positions created in this budget with the exception of a new manager at the senior center.

Are you watching what is happening in some area towns? Existing positions are being eliminated in other towns. I don't want that for us, but we need to hold the line on new positions. Mr. Freda has promised significant grand list growth in the next two years with anticipated economic development. I believe him. However, we need to wait for that growth rather than pass this proposed budget that has $8.8 million in additional spending – you heard me, $8.8 million! Last year's budget, when inflation was much higher than now, had a $5.4 million increase in spending.

The mill rate increase in this proposed budget is especially troubling because, for the current year, we had a 6.3% increase in the mill rate. In case you forgot, your taxes already went up this year. So if this new budget gets approved, that would mean your taxes will be 14% higher over just a two-year period.

I have explained why I am against this proposed budget. But the purpose of writing to you today is to convince you to attend the Budget Town Meeting. Learn the facts, understand the budget, and decide for yourself. Please vote at the Referendum. Our town meeting form of government depends on your participation.

You can reach me at sbuemi5@comcast.net.



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WANTED: Antiques or collectibles, highest prices paid for paintings, furniture, glassware, pottery, documents, photographs, bottles, anything old, one piece or entire estates, cash paid; (203) 915-7662 •

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