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Support the Future Problem Solvers Program

To The Editor:

July 8, 2026

We often hear about our sports programs, and I like many of you love to cheer them on in their various games. North Haven is rightfully proud of how well our sports teams do each year.

Did you also know that North Haven schools also had multiple state champions this spring, but not in a sports competition?

Future Problem Solvers (FPS) is an international competition that challenges students in 4 different topics: Global Issues, Community Projects, Creative Writing, and Storytelling. There are 3 divisions corresponding to each topic, which are lower (elementary schools), middle (middle schools), and upper (high schools). Within these divisions students can compete both as individuals or as teams of three or four people. Students from 34 states and more than 14 countries compete each year.

North Haven has been so successful with FPS that the Connecticut State Championship competition has been hosted by our district for many years. This year several North Haven teams and many individuals students in each division qualified for the State Championship competition in May. At the State Championship the top three individuals and teams in each topic area and division are given medals, and the winning teams also win a large trophy. Once again, this year North Haven's teams won most of the medals and trophies!

After the Connecticut State Championship I personally overheard many parents from other schools saying how North Haven must be cheating to win so much. I know that this success comes from the great teachers that run an amazing program in each school.

State Champions from each topic and division (individuals and teams) are then permitted to participate in the World Championship Competition, which this year took place in June at Indiana University. North Haven sent 17 student competitors to the World Championship, which was one of the largest groups in the competition. While North Haven did not win any World Championships this year (they have in the past!), those that competed should be so proud of themselves for qualifying!

I hope everyone in North Haven applauds all the students that participated in FPS and continue to support this program going forward.
Benjamin Loebick, North Haven

The Celebration of Freedom Continues

To The Editor:

July 9, 2026

I was just thinking about the 250th anniversary of our great country, and the signing of our Declaration of Independence. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. My family picnic was great, but indoors because of the heat. There was no bocci, a traditional July 4th Buemi family custom, this year.

Here in North Haven, the celebration of Freedom continues. The North Haven Historical Society will commemorate the reading of the Declaration of Independence with a special event on The Green on Sunday July 19th at 2:00 PM. Church bells will ring to announce the start of the program. I am proud to be serving as Master of Ceremonies, and we anticipate the event will be about an hour, so bring chairs.

The date of July 19th was selected because, after considerable research, it was determined that North Haven first learned of the Declaration of Independence on or about that date. News from Philadelphia spread as quickly as the horseman could ride. 250 years ago, The Declaration was read aloud on Greens and other meeting places throughout the colonies. On July 9, 1776, the Declaration was read to General George Washington's Army camped on Long Island. On Sunday the 19th, on our Green, the Declaration of Independence will be read, in its entirety, by First Selectman Mike Freda and Third Selectman Dave Cohen. Please attend! Be a part of this historic ceremony, and bring the kids--it will be a great history lesson.

On another matter, I recently presented to Mike Freda my idea to honor the 99 North Haveners who served in the Revolutionary War. A bronze plaque will be made listing the 99 names. We currently have memorials for other veterans on The Green and in Town Hall. I thought the 250th anniversary would be an appropriate time to honor our Revolutionary War veterans. Mr. Freda enthusiastically agreed, and I want to thank the entire Board of Selectmen for supporting my plan.

The plaque has already been designed, and now I must raise \$7600 to pay for it (not including installation). If you care to donate to this project, please make a check payable to Treasurer, Town of North Haven, and mail it to me at 5 Blossom Drive in North Haven. I want to thank all those who have contributed thus far. To date, \$1,505 has been collected. Please contribute if you can.

The original plan was to install the plaque in Town Hall, but it is simply too heavy. It will be installed on the Green, and dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026.

Sincerely,

Sally J. Buemi, North Haven

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