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Al Washburn of the Astronomical Society of New Haven will discuss where meteorites come from and what types of meteorites are commonly found at the Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 Main Street on Wed., April 2 at 6:30pm. Meteorites from the Astronomical Society of New Haven will be on display for you to see (and hold)!

Mr. Washburn is a retired high school Earth Science, Astronomy and Planetary Astronomy teacher of 38 years. He is a member

of The Astronomical Society of New Haven. He enjoys looking at deep space objects through a telescope he made himself and resides here in East Haven.

This program is free and open to everyone. Please register ahead by calling the library at: (203) 468-3890 or by sending an email to Cynthia, Community Services Librarian at: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org.

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I WAS JUST THINKING.....

By Sally J. Buemi
Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking about the town budget for next fiscal year. Many folks are concerned about taxes. In my last column, I told you the Board of Finance (BOF) would soon be presenting an initial recommended budget, along with a proposed new mill rate to fund this budget. All this happened on March 19th.

The new budget amount is \$137,599,076. This is a \$9 million increase in spending over the current budget (a 7% increase). The total budget has 2 main parts: Education and Town Government. Town Government includes police, fire, library, public works, sanitation, recreation, pension, medical, insurance and debt payments. These 2 main parts each make up approximately 50% of the total budget.

The proposed mill rate to pay for this budget is 29.43. The current mill rate is 34.64. Yes, the new mill rate is going down by 15%, but taxes, especially for homeowners, will be going up because of revaluation. The assessments of residential property went up, on average, by 37.5%. Residential properties increased at a much higher rate than other parts of the grand list. The reval is certainly responsible for house taxes going up, however, the amount of the budget spending increase (\$9 million) is also impacting the tax increase.

Please remember that the assessment value of your house is different from the appraised value. Assessed value is less. The appraised value is the fair market value if you were to sell your house. The assessment value is 70% of appraised value. You pay tax on your assessment.

The new average house assessment (based on a 37.5% increase) is 288,750. With a new mill rate of 29.43, the house taxes for the average homeowner will increase \$1,223 next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2025. And remember, the house taxes for the average homeowner went up about \$430 in each of the last two years. This series of three yearly increases is especially tough on elderly, fixed income folks.

My house, which is much smaller than the average house, had an assessment increase of just 32%. My taxes are going up \$692. Mr. Freda's house, which has an assessment higher than average, will have a tax increase of \$1,759. In other words folks, it is difficult to answer "how much are my taxes going up?" The best thing you can do is figure out your own tax increase. Multiply your NEW assessment by 29.43. Then divide that by 1000. Compare that result to your current taxes to determine the increase.

I think you should know your exact tax increase before voting at the Referendum. If you can afford it, and you think the budget spending is reasonable, then vote "Yes." If not, vote "No." But first, I urge you to attend the public hearing on Monday April 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the high school. Learn about the justifications for the spending increases, and ask questions and give opinions. Your comments might affect the BOF's final budget recommendation at their April 16th meeting.

One more thing. I understand there's been a lot of discussion about the Fire Dept. budget because the current proposed budget does not include the creation of 4 new firefighter positions. The Fire Chief requested these 4 new positions. However, these positions were never

North Haven Soccer Club

GET TO KNOW YOUR REFEREE

The North Haven Soccer Club is giving \$500 college scholarships to two current or former members of the NHSC who are heading off to college. Guidelines for the application process are as follows:

1. Applicant must be a graduating High School Senior who will be attending their first year of college in the fall of 2025. The applicant may not be a child of any of the current officers of the North Haven Soccer Club or a child of the current NHSC Scholarship Committee members.

2. Applicant must be a current or former member of the North Haven Soccer Club, either as a player, coach, volunteer or referee for at least 5 years. State in what capacity you were involved with the club and what years.

3. Applicant must expect to graduate with a "B" average or higher. Submit your High School transcript (official or unofficial).

4. Submit an essay of at least 200 words, "What soccer has meant to me..."

5. Letter of recommendation is optional.

6. All of the above must be postmarked or emailed **no later than June 1, 2025**. Please include contact information, including phone number and email address.

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included in the initial budget draft. This initial budget, overseen by First Selectman Mike Freda and Director of Administration Rich Monico, was presented to the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 6th, and then provided to the BOF. The BOF never cut these new firefighter positions from the budget because they were never in the budget.

In closing, I need to change the subject. 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. In 2015, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary, I initiated and organized a tribute to World War II veterans in our Memorial Day Parade. Twelve World War II veterans, including my Dad, led that parade in open cars. All 12 have since passed.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz has organized an event to honor living World War II veterans at the State Armory in Hartford on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Susan's Dad also served in World War II, and she and I share a passion for World War II history. The Lieutenant Governor asked me to assist First Selectman Mike Freda in locating World War II veterans currently living in North Haven. If you know of a World War II veteran living in North Haven, please email me at sbuemi5@comcast.net or call the First Selectman's office at 203-239-5321.

Once again, please attend the Budget Public Hearing on Monday, April 7th at 7:00 PM at the high school auditorium.

North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration 2025

Join us on Saturday, April 26, from 10am-1:30pm at the Milled A. Wakeley Community and Recreation Center, located at 7 Linsley Street for a vibrant Earth Day Celebration. Now in its 17th year, this event is proudly sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission and highlights our shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

This free event invites residents and families to explore a wide range of engaging exhibits and demonstrations presented by local businesses, civic organizations, and state and local agencies. It's not just an opportunity to raise awareness about

environmental issues -- it's also a chance to discover ways to actively contribute to the improvement of life in North Haven.

Attendees can look forward to exciting activities and displays, with previous participants including A Place Called Hope, a bird of prey rehabilitation center, Mystic Aquarium, North Haven Garden Club, The North Haven Camera Club, the North Haven Trails Association, Peters Rock Association, the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, and many more. Come celebrate our planet and learn how you can make a difference. Submitted by Cindy Golia

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