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I WAS JUST THINKING.....
By Sally J. Buemi
Selectman, Town of North Haven

I was just thinking about First Selectman Michael Freda. I am sure many of you know that Mr. Freda had a medical episode last week. It is my understanding that Mike is recovering well at home. My thoughts and prayers are with Mike, for a full and speedy recovery. I've said many times that no chief elected official works harder than Mike Freda. I am sure it is difficult for him to be at home. I know he would rather be in his office, working to help our Town.

In case you are wondering, our Town Charter provides for the temporary disability of the First Selectman. Section 503A states that the Selectman of the same political party as the First Selectman shall carry out all of the duties of the First Selectman. Second Selectman Bill Pieper will handle all duties as needed during Mike's temporary absence. In fact, the Board of Selectmen had a special meeting on April 11th (arranged prior to Mike's medical episode), and Bill Pieper did an excellent job presiding at that meeting in Mike's absence. I offered any assistance to Bill that he might need, which he greatly appreciated. I am confident that Val Goodkin, Mike's Executive Assistant, is doing a great job with the day-to-day operations of the First Selectman's office.

I was also just thinking about the current budget formulation process for the upcoming fiscal year. I am writing this column on April 15th, the day before the important Board of Finance (BOF) meeting on the 16th. At this meeting, the BOF will finalize the budget that will be voted on at the Referendum in May. The proposed budget is $137.6 million, an increase of $9 million in spending over the current year. The mill rate needed to fund this budget is projected to be 29.46 mills.

Although this projected mill rate is 15% lower than the current mill rate of 34.64, house taxes will be going up significantly. The average homeowner will see a tax increase of $1,250.00. This is just an average. Most houses will be in a range of $900 to $1,700 higher. It will depend on the percentage increase in your house assessment due to the reval. Another reason for higher house taxes is because other parts of the grant list (like industrial and personal property) did not increase as much as residential.

Please watch the BOF meeting. I anticipate that the Board might adjust other revenue sources to ease the burden on the taxpayers. For example, last year, after the budget was rejected at Referendum, BOF member Nancy Barrett suggested several revenue increases that were ultimately adopted. This resulted in a $250,000 benefit last year to the Board of Ed. budget and re-instated library and recreation part-time positions that were earmarked to be cut.

I think the BOF will do their best to finalize a budget that might have a better chance of passing at Referendum. Last year, a budget that raised taxes, on average, by only $600 was defeated at Referendum. This fact should weigh heavily on all BOF members. In recent months, Mr. Freda spoke of potential increases in state funding, as well as a change in the Excess Cost Grant formula. This is a state grant to the BOE to help cover rising costs of special education. Perhaps the BOF will have updated information on these important factors which might provide some relief for our taxpayers.

On another subject, the Town is having a special tribute in the parade for Vietnam Veterans in honor of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. If you are a Vietnam Veteran, and would like to participate, please email me at sbuemi5@comcast.net. This year's Memorial Day Parade will be on May 24, 2025.

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Explanations Well Said at Budget Hearing

To The Editor: April 17, 2025

I am writing because I read a letter written by David Cohen. He was complaining about the Third Selectman, Sally Buemi. It was a very disrespectful letter.

Mr. Cohen complained about stuff Sally said at the budget hearing. I watched the whole thing on TV, and I thought Sally did a great job explaining the reval, assessments and why people's taxes will be going up so much. I don't remember Mr. Cohen saying anything, but I don't even know him, so I'm not sure.

But Sally has been working hard for years for the Town. I don't know what Cohen is talking about. She works well with Mike Freda, who also does a great job. Sally also talked about Ann Ruocco, who died recently. I remember her from years ago and she worked on the budget at all the meetings. I think it was nice of Sally to mention Ann, lots of seniors like me I am sure remember Ann.

Keep up the good work Sally.

David Rosadini, North Haven

Criticisms in Recent Letter Unwarranted

To The Editor: April 17, 2025

I saw a letter from David Cohen and I want to respond. He was criticizing Sally Buemi, who is on the Board of Selectman.

David Cohen said Sally should spend less time talking. I thought this was rude. Sally has a lot of experience, and people including me care about her opinions. Sally cares about the Town, and works hard.

David Cohen also said Sally spoke in bad faith. That is ridiculous. Sally has a good working relationship with Mr. Freda. If Mr. Cohen has been watching the meetings he would know this. Sally will always have my support.

Sincerely,
Mary Tirozzi, North Haven

It's Not "Bad Faith" to Oppose Viewpoints

To The Editor: April 17, 2025

I am writing in response to a recent letter from David Cohen. First, you should know that Mr. Cohen, a fellow democrat, is seeking my seat on the Board of Selectmen, which I've held for 12 years. I met with Mr. Cohen in January, at his request. He said he respects me, he thinks I do a good job, but he will be running for my position. He promised he would not run a negative campaign. Well, his letter clearly broke that promise.

Mr. Cohen said he attended the April 7th "town meeting." Actually, it was a Public Hearing, required by Town Charter, offering citizens the opportunity to comment and ask questions about the proposed budget. I spoke at that hearing – Mr. Cohen did not speak.

In his letter, Mr. Cohen quoted me as follows: "you either have the money or you don't." Here is what I actually said: "If you can afford this tax increase, AND you think the 9 million dollars in additional spending is justified, then Vote Yes – If you cannot afford the tax increase or you don't think the 9 million dollar increase is justified, then Vote No." Folks, this is true for all budget referendums.

Mr. Cohen wrote I should spend "more time listening" and "less time talking." I've dealt with sexism all my life – on the golf course in the 1970s and as an attorney in the 1980s when women were referred to as "lady lawyers." But Mr. Cohen's sexist comment really shocked me. It seems strange he wants me to talk less when he didn't even talk at all. I listen to citizens every day and I believe people want to know my opinions.

Mr. Cohen accused me of "bad faith" with colleagues. At the public hearing, I was critical of Mr. Freda's decision to publicly support the Board of Ed's budget BEFORE all other budget workshops were completed. In my opinion, this was improper because 6 departments had not yet made their budget requests. It is my responsibility and duty to point out matters like this. It is not bad faith. The spirit of our Town Charter promotes opposing viewpoints.

It is my hope that Mr. Cohen's letter and this response will put an end to negative campaigning. The people of North Haven will decide who is better qualified to be the next Third Selectman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman, Town of North Haven

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