

## NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Dan Barney called the monthly meeting for December 16, 2025 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Council Member; Mary Curcio (at the start of roll call, Mary Curcio was absent but arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Council Member; Patricia Prosser, Council Member; Joe Spereno, Council Member; Fred Wilbur (absent), and Supervisor; Dan Barney present. Also present: Town Attorney; Carl Schmidt, Deputy Town Clerk; Cindi Giovo, Highway Superintendent; Robert Parkhurst, and a few members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Disclaimer: The opinions expressed by visitors are their opinions and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Town or the Town Board.

Supervisor Dan Barney opened for Public Comment.

Resident Linda Williams read her letter about the Planning Board receiving a resolution a few hours before their meeting last month. In addition, Linda Williams wished Dan Barney the best as he finishes his term as Supervisor.

**RECOGNITIONS:** Recognition plaques were presented by Supervisor Barney to retiring Council Member Patricia Prosser (16 years of service to the Town Board), Dog Control Officer Ronald Abbott, and Deputy Dog Control Officer Deborah Abbott in recognition of their 40 years of service for the Town of New Haven.

Council Member, Mary Curcio presented a recognition plaque to Dan Barney for his years as a Council Member and Supervisor.

**TOWN BOARD MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Patricia Prosser, to accept the minutes from last month as presented. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES:** A copy of last month's Planning Board minutes was provided to the Town Board.

**ADJUSTMENT OF JOURNAL ENTRIES:** Motion by Joe Spereno, second by Mary Curcio, to approve the adjustment of journal entries in November. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

### AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

**General bills:** vouchers #300-325, totaling \$ 22,233.46, were duly audited.

**Highway bills:** vouchers #199-217, totaling \$ 46,650.46, were duly audited.

**Street Lighting bill:** voucher #312, totaling \$ 566.68, was duly audited.

**Water District # bill:** voucher #25, totaling \$ 1,369.68, was duly audited.

Motion by Patricia Prosser, second by Mary Curcio, to accept the bills as presented and to authorize their payment.

Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Water Update: Nothing to report.

**Fire Department Contract:** Representatives from the New Haven Dept: David Wilcox, Jim Hargrave, Greg Wilson and Sandie Hargrave were present to speak on the Fire Dept Contract. They requested a 1-year contract then in April 2026, they will return to re-negotiate.

Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Joe Spereno, to approve the 1-year contract for services with the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Annual Year End Budget Modification Resolution:** Motion by Joe Spereno, second by Mary Curcio, to approve the attached annual year end budget modification resolution. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

**Board of Assessment Member:** Motion by Patricia Prosser, second by Mary Curcio, to approve the appointment of Kaylee Lowery as Board of Assessment Review Member term ending 9/30/2030. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

**Host Community Agreement w/US Light Energy:** Project Developer, Alex Burnett and Stephen Almy from the firm of Barclay & Damon were present. Alex Burnett spoke on the collaboration with their counsel, New Haven Planning Board, Town Attorney, Carl Schmidt and New Haven Town Supervisor, Dan Barney to establish a Host Community Benefit Agreement totaling \$50,000. The Host Community Benefit is an extra payment that is specific for the Town of New Haven. This Host Community Agreement will likely be required as condition of approval by the New Haven Planning Board on Wednesday, December 17.

**Attorney Fees Addendum:** Motion by Joe Spereno, second by Mary Curcio, to approve the attached addendum agreement for the payment of municipal consultant services, by prior resolution on September 16, 2025, pursuant to Article 6 of the New Haven Solar Law; the Town Board establishing a fee schedule to recover the Town's expenses and set the applicable fee at the existing contract for the Town Attorney.

Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

## REPORTS

**Reports:** Code Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Supervisor reports received by the Board and posted.

**Personnel:** Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Joe Spereno, to enter executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the work history concerning a particular employee for the Town of New Haven and to discuss contract negotiations concerning the collective bargaining unit.

Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Patricia Prosser, to re-enter regular session at 7:55 p.m. Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried. No decisions were made during the executive session.

**Request for Proposal (RFP)**: Motion by Joe Spereno, seconded by Mary Curcio, to develop a request for proposal (RFP and scope of work) for Internet and Technology Services.

Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned**: at 7:58 p.m. by motion of Patricia Prosser, second by Mary Curcio.

Mary Curcio, Aye; Patricia Prosser, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Absent; Dan Barney, Aye; Carried.

Organizational Meeting, January 6, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Next Town Board meeting, January 20, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Next Planning Board meeting, January 21, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Giovo  
New Haven Deputy Town Clerk

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