

NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Dale Little called the monthly meeting for February 17, 2026 to order at 6:03 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Council Member; Mary Curcio, Council Member; Will Rombough, Council Member; Fred Wilbur, and Supervisor; Dale Little present. Council Member; Joe Spereno, Absent. Also present: Town Attorney; Carl Schmidt, Town Clerk; Jennifer Woolson, 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.

Linda Williams: Had a question for the Town Board in regard to the US Light Energy solar project legal expenses. She stated that according to the Town's Solar Law the legal expenses are to be covered by the company. Linda asked if the legal expenses are going to be covered at the completion of the project, or at different phases of completion.

Rhea Keller Knittel: Our Town Historian, Rhea Keller Knittel, spoke on the nomination of Audrey Munson (1891-1996) for this year's New York Senate "Historical Women of Distinction" Award. The award is given during March, which is Women's History Month. Known as "America's first supermodel", Miss Munson resided for a time in New Haven and is buried in the New Haven Cemetery. She posed for the famous "walking Liberty" silver dollar. More information on her storied life can be found online.

TOWN BOARD MINUTES: Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Will Rombough, to accept the minutes from last month as presented. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, 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 Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve the adjustment of journal entries in January. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS

General bills: vouchers #22-52, totaling \$22,474.98, were duly audited.

Highway bills: vouchers #13-27, totaling \$ 77,735.87 were duly audited.

Water District #1 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 8,790.08, was duly audited.

Water District #2 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 988.72, was duly audited.

Water District #3 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 49,176.18, was duly audited.

Water District #4 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 8,106.05, was duly audited.

Water District #5 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 4,167.81, was duly audited.

Water District #6 bills: vouchers #1-2, totaling \$ 61,526.23, were duly audited.

Water District #7 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 2,901.95, was duly audited.

Water District #8 bill: voucher #3, totaling \$ 4,680.00, was duly audited.

Water District #9 bill: voucher #1, totaling \$ 1,715.26, was duly audited

Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to accept the bills as presented and to authorize their payment. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Salt Barn: Representatives from Hybrid Building Solutions gave the Town Board a presentation on recovering the damaged Salt Dome. After a lengthy discussion by the Board Members a motion was made by Fred Wilbur, to approve entering into contract with Hybrid Building Solutions to re-cover the Salt Dome. Motion failed to receive a second. Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Will Rombough, to table the approval of entering into a contract with Hybrid Building Solutions until the March 17, 2026 Town Board meeting. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Nay; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Host Community Benefit Agreement: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve the attached Host Community Benefit Agreement with US Light Energy. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Nay; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Dog Control: The Town of Mexico is working on creating an Intermunicipal Agreement for Animal Control between the Town of Mexico and the Town of New Haven. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Computer Outlet North: Representative from Computer Outlet North gave the Town Board a presentation on services they currently provide the Town Municipal Building and other services they could provide the Town Municipal Building.

Veterans Exemptions Local Law # 1 of 2026: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2026 a Local Law Adopting Real Property Tax Law Section 458- a (11) Alternative Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Handyman Position: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Will Rombough, to approve the appointment of Josh Downing to the Handyman Position. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Town Credit Cards: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Will Rombough, to approve the Town Clerk raising the limit for card holders to \$2,500. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Tug Hill Conference: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve all employees wishing to attend and or to fulfil their training requirements for 2026. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Cooperative Purchasing Resolution: Motion by Will Rombough, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve the attached Cooperative Purchasing to Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi for the bidding of transportation fuels on behalf of the Town of New Haven Highway Department. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

REPORTS

Reports: Code Enforcement Officer, Town Clerk, and Supervisor’s reports received by the board and posted.

Personnel: Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Mary Curcio, to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the work history concerning a few employees computer usage with the Town of New Haven. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried. Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Mary Curcio, to re-enter regular session at 8:00 p.m. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried. No decisions were made during the executive session.

Town Computers: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Will Rombough, to table until March 17, 2026. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:03 P.M by motion of Mary Curcio, second by Will Rombough. Mary Curcio, Aye; Will Rombough, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Next Town Board meeting, March 17, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Next Planning Board meeting, February 18, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Woolson
New Haven Town Clerk

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