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Announcements

Affordable Housing

Learn more about affordable housing by visiting the North Haven Democratic Town Committee website, click on the first box.

Elected Service Call

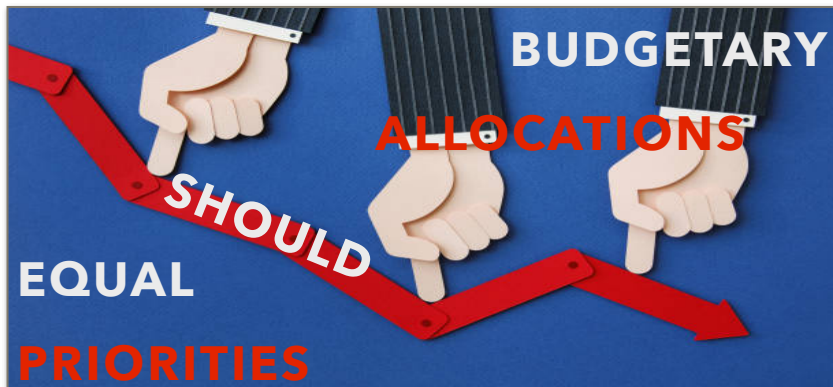
If you are interested in running for an elected position, please contact either Jennie or Frederick for an informal chat. Email: jecaldwell21@gmail.com or frederick910@gmail.com

Contribution Campaign

We encourage all members to make his/her/their contributions early. You can mail your contribution to North Haven DTC PO Box 2072, North Haven, CT 06473.

Happy Hour Event

Come talk to local Democrats, Friday, Feb.3 from 6-8pm @ Valor Wines, for more information check out our site.



Learn about the Town's Budget

The Town of North Haven Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30) Budget is comprised of estimated Expenditures and Revenue. The Expenditure Budget predicts the expenses the town will incur in providing all services to the community. The Revenue Budget reflects the amount of Town income from various sources that is necessary to fund all expenses. When the finalized budget is presented to the public for an approval vote at the Referendum, the dollar amount of the total Expenditures and total Revenue are equal.

The Expenditure budget has 4 parts:

- **Town Operating Budget** (costs of Police, Fire Community Svcs, Public Works, Recreation, Library, etc.)
- **Board of Education (BOE) Operating Budget** (costs to support all public educational services provided)
- **Capital Improvement** (costs to purchase equipment, vehicles, and supplies for approved town services)
- **Reserve for Contingency** is a source of emergency funding to cover unexpected costs.

The 5-Year Capital Improvement plan is included in the budget booklet for planning purposes but is not part of the annual budget.

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## Reminders

### Scheduled Events

- Budget Public Hearing (April 4, 2023)
- Annual Budget Town Meeting (May 8, 2023)
- The Referendum (May 16, 2023).

### Membership Information

- All members' involvement is important to the DTC success; please sign up for a committee that intersects with your interest and schedule.
- DTC is forming a Nomination Committee for upcoming municipal elections. Anyone interested in participating as a committee member let Jennie know. In the March membership meeting the NH DTC will vote on committee members.

The Revenue Budget includes taxes, state and federal funding and revenue generated by various town departments (town clerk, building fees, etc.). The BOE receives operational budget funding from the Town, and also receives separate funding from Federal and State sources.

### Budget Development Process

Pursuant to our Town Charter, The Board of Finance (BoF) is charged with the task of formulating the budget to be presented at the Referendum. First, starting in January, the BoF will hold workshops during which the town department heads and the BOE will present their budget requests for the upcoming Fiscal Year. At the March BoF meeting, the BoF will formulate a preliminary budget that will be presented at a Public Hearing in early April.

The BoF will meet again later in April to finalize the budget. This budget will be presented at the Annual Budget Town Meeting in early May. During this meeting, Mr. Freda will explain the town side of the budget and Superintendent Stirk will explain the BOE budget.

The Budget Referendum, held in mid-May, provides individuals with the opportunity to vote (Yes/No) to approve or reject the budget as presented. If approved, the BoF will meet to set the mill rate necessary to fund the budget. The mill rate is important because it determines the tax obligation that must be paid based upon the assessed property value. If the majority of voters reject the proposed budget, the BoF will meet and modify (typically reduce) the budget and another Referendum will take place.

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