

Valerie Goodkin

From: Gary George [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 11:25 PM
To: Michael Freda; William Pieper; Forward SallyBuemi
Cc: Valerie Goodkin; Patrick Stirk
Subject: Poet Laureate/Youth Poet Laureate Proposal

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Selectmen,

Please consider adding the following item for discussion to the agenda for the January Board of Selectmen's meeting:

As you all are well aware, there have been an enumerable number of significant challenges to the country, the State of Connecticut, and North Haven during the past year. As a result, many people have turned to the arts to help deal with and alleviate the stresses and anxiety they have been experiencing brought on by these challenges. Film, music, virtual tours of art museums are some of the ways people have brought art into their lives during these trying times. People are also turning to poetry, through writing their own poems or reading the works of others, to express the inexpressible and to share common experiences and emotions. Poetry offers a significant value to society. These two articles describe that value well:

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/b1036292/0BfQqntN6xGu-ylqUabuwQ?u=https%3A%2F%2Fobserver.case.edu%2Ffedmonds-the-value-of-poetry-to-non-poets%2F>

<https://link.zixcentral.com/u/8401a60b/PI7QqntN6xGu-ylqUabuwQ?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Foutlook%2F2020%2F06%2F11%2Fpoetry-pandemic-social-distance%2F>

This phenomenon inspired an idea in my mind: North Haven should have a Poet Laureate who should mentor a Youth Poet Laureate who would be a student from the North Haven schools.

After doing some online research, I discovered that there are several Connecticut municipalities who indeed, have appointed Poet Laureates who work to commemorate various important occasions and observances through their written works. This is a link to the current list of towns who have appointed Poet

Laureates: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/2a65ad97/kJiQqntN6xGu-ylqUabuwQ?u=http%3A%2F%2Fpoetlaureates.com%2Fcurrentconnecticut%2F>

This link describes Boston's Youth Poet Laureate program: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/6d3e3ac0/KM7QqntN6xGu-ylqUabuwQ?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.boston.gov%2Fdepartments%2Farts-and-culture%2Fboston-youth-poet-laureate>

This link details Wallingford's Poet Laureate program. It also contains the application for the position: <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/b6647930/Ug3RqntN6xGu-ylqUabuwQ?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wallingford.lioninc.org%2Fpdf%2Fpoetlaureateapplication.pdf>

These three links are excellent models for how a Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate program could be established in North Haven. The student awarded the Youth Poet Laureate role would further benefit from a \$500 scholarship, as well as being able to list a prestigious role in their community on their college application. I emailed School Superintendent Patrick Stirk about this proposal and he responded that he would be willing to work with the Town to bring this idea to fruition. Both Poet Laureate positions could also serve to inspire town residents, young and old, to value and appreciate the language arts.

The benefits to the citizens of North Haven inherent in a Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate program are well worth the allocation of \$1000. And North Haven can surely afford to do so!

Thank you for considering the above. I look forward to hearing your discussion of this proposal during the January Selectmen's meeting.

Sincerely,
Gary George

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Valerie Goodkin

From: wesleyobrien <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:34 PM
To: jxdic@aol.com; ANITA ANDERSON; Patrick Stirk; Valerie Goodkin
Subject: Microphone Drop

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Dear Anita, Jim, Mike, and Pat

I expect this will not come as a surprise as I have been talking about it for over a year now, but please consider this my official notice that as of December 31 I am resigning my seat on the North Haven Board of Education. My time on the Board has been personally rewarding and I hope, now and then at least, somewhat useful to the community.

The decision is not made lightly, and I expect that every 2nd Thursday I will feel a tinge of regret (but certainly nothing that a pint of Guinness can't assuage). Seriously, though, I will indeed miss the Board, I will miss the people on it, and I will miss working with my good friend Anita; but after so many years (so many that I don't even recall—more than 12, less than 100) I honestly feel that it's time for someone with a brighter fire in the belly to take my place.

I recall that when I first joined, the Board it was a very different body than it is today. I recall a great deal of partisan bickering and edgy dialog. To Anita's credit, and to the credit of its current members, it is now a finely tuned, effective a body that North Haven can be proud of—and one that I am proud to have been a part of.

I wish you all my best, and to borrow from Garrison Keillor, be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

Warm regards

Wes O'Brien

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PAUL CICARELLA
104 Kings Highway • North Haven, CT 06473

December 1, 2020

The Honorable Michael Freda
First Selectman
Town of North Haven
18 Church Street
North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Dear Michael:

Please accept this letter as a formal notice of my immediate resignation from the Town of North Haven's, Zoning Board of Appeals.

Due to my new role as the State Senator for the 34th district I will no longer be able to fulfill my duties as a member of the ZBA. I have enjoyed very much working for the Town in this capacity and appreciate the opportunity to serve our community. I am looking forward to working with you and the town as State Senator.

Sincerely,

Paul Cicarella

cc: Jim DiCarlo, NHRTC Chairman
Carolyn A. Yaccarino, Chairman ZBA

Luigi (Lou) Coppola, Sr.
27 Maple Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473

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Objective

To obtain a position on the North Haven Zoning Board of Appeals. My family and I lived in North Haven from 1999 – 2019, moved to Wallingford 2019-20 and have returned back to North Haven. My wife Angela and I have 2-college aged children Luigi Jr age 20 and Mia age 18 both graduates of North Haven High School.

Experience

Town of Wallingford, CT - Building Department
September 2017 to Current
Assistant Building Official

Under Construction Contractors, LLC - North Haven CT
February 2002 to Current
Owner, Operator

Education

Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
-Bachelor of Science in Accounting, 1995

Other

- North Haven CERT, Team Manager
- Member of North Haven Middle School Building Committee, Town of North Haven
 - sub-member of Finance, Safety & Security, FF&E and Athletic committees
- State of CT Licensed Building Official
- CT Home Improvement License 0574395

References

- Donald Clark – 203.376.9675
- David Yaccarino – 203.980.0030
- Mark Stevens – 203.530.0158