NEW HAVEN TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor Dale Little called the monthly meeting for October 20, 2026 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the New Haven Town Hall. Roll call: Council Member; Mary Curcio, Council Member; Fred Wilbur, and Supervisor; Dale Little present. Council Member; Will Rombough, Council Member; Joe Spereno, absent. Also present: Town Attorney; Carl Schmidt, Town Clerk; Jennifer Woolson, and a few members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to open the public hearing on proposed local law # 2 of 2026 - Override Tax Cap Levy Limit. Mary Curcio, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

Linda Bond – Clark: Commented on the phrase "the price of poker has gone up" that was stated multiple times during the budget workshop meetings. Linda stated that poker is a gamble. The price of poker keeps going up is not just about finances. It is also about moral parable. Linda also stated, "you've got to know when to hold 'em and fold 'em". Linda noted that the national debt is over $40 trillion, with $3 billion added each day. Currently, people need $5.3 million for the "American Dream". The average cost of living for a family of 4 is over $1000.00 and the poverty level is set at $33,000 for these families. Per the statistics for Town, 25% of our New Haven residents make less than $50,000, over 75% are under $100,000. Nearly 20% of our children live in poverty. 30% of children are born 25–29-year-olds. It takes little more than math to figure out who suffers most with increased cost. Linda asked, "how long before the house of cards fall?"

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Mary Curcio, to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. on proposed local law # 2 of 2026 – Override Tax Cap Levy Limit and to open the regular meeting. Mary Curcio, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Williams: Linda had some questions pertaining to the proposed Storm Water Control Facility Maintenance Agreement for the Fulton Community Solar Project currently being built on County Route 6 in the Town of New Haven. Town Attorney Carl Schmidt addressed her questions. Linda also commented that under the monthly reports, there are 2 code enforcement violations. Linda stated that these violations are mentioned but not listed, as they usually are, in the CEO's report. Linda has requested that her comment be attached to the record for the meeting.

Linda Bond-Clark: Linda stated that she contacted Mr. Marsden on multiple occasions pertaining to Circle T Enterprises LLC violating site plan conditions set by the Planning Board. Stated that Mr. Marsden wrote a Circle T violation on August 10th and ordered compliance by August 20th for startup times. Mr. Marsden wrote another violation for Circle T on September 3rd, ordered compliance by September 13th for hazardous road conditions. Linda stated that Circle T should have complied with startup times by September 10th and by October 3rd for the road conditions violation but did not with no fines issued. Linda commented that Circle T has repeatedly violated conditions set by the Planning Board.

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

AUDIT OF TOWN BILLS
General bills: vouchers #219-252, totaling $ 49,038.86, were duly audited.
Highway bills: vouchers #163-181, totaling $ 254,546.02, were duly audited.
Water District # 4 bill: voucher #21, totaling $ 8,834.63, was duly audited.
Water District # 5 bill: voucher #20, totaling $ 5,690.63, was duly audited.
Water District # 7 bill: voucher #19, totaling $ 6,165.00, was duly audited.
Water District # 8 bill: voucher #18, totaling $ 800.00, 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; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Local Law # 2 of 2026 – Override Tax Cap: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to table proposed Local Law # 2 of 2026 – Override Tax Cap to allow for action to take place on Local Law # 2 of 2026 – Override Tax Cap if the Town Board makes any changes to the preliminary 2027 budget that would exceed the 2% tax cap limit. Mary Curcio, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye;

NEW BUSINESS
Replacement of Air Handler Unit: Tabled to allow for the 2 other companies that have shown interest in submitting quotes to arrive.

P&J Preventive Maintenance Contracts: Motion by Fred Wilbur, second by Mary Curcio, to approve both the Town Hall and Highway Garage preventative maintenance contracts. Mary Curcio, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Facility Maintenance Agreement – Fulton Community Solar Project: Tabled to October 29th meeting.

Resolution # 11 of 2026 – Budget Amendment for Demolition of Old Highway Garage: Motion by Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur, to approve the budget amendment to increase A599 Appropriated Fund Balance by $33,650.00 and to increase A1620.41 Buildings-Old Highway Garage Demo by $33,650.00 to cover the cost of the demolition, asbestos removal, air monitoring, and removal of materials. Mary Curcio, Aye; Joe Spereno, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Electrical Service Quote: Tabled to see if more quotes can be obtained.

REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:55 P.M by motion of Mary Curcio, second by Fred Wilbur. Mary Curcio, Aye; Fred Wilbur, Aye; Dale Little, Aye; Carried.

Public Hearing on 2027 Preliminary Budget, October 29, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Next Town Board meeting, November 17, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Next Planning Board meeting, October 21, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Woolson
New Haven Town Clerk

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