

NORTH HAVEN

Freda departure leaves succession unclear

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NORTH HAVEN — As First Selectman Michael Freda begins a transition into a new role as chief executive officer of the Regional Water Authority and Aquarion Water Authority, town residents do not currently know who will be North Haven's chief executive for the second half of his term.

Freda, the first selectman since 2009, was officially announced as the shared CEO for the two standalone, sister public

utility entities Tuesday. He will begin that role on Jan. 1, 2027, and has committed to remaining in his job for the rest of 2026 to prepare the town for a transition in leadership for the first time in 17 years.

"In the next four-and-a-half months I'm looking to ensure a seamless transition, trying to complete as many projects as I can that I'm currently involved with, most on the economic development side," Freda said Tuesday shortly after his new role was announced to the

public. "I've always loved the citizens of North Haven, always loved the mission of public service and loved trying to create positive outcomes for the town and all residents."

What remains to be seen is to what — and more specifically to whom — North Haven is transitioning. The town voted to elect Freda to a two-year term in November 2025 and must fill Freda's vacancy for roughly one year until the 2027 municipal election.

The town charter includes an article about

what North Haven is to do in the instance of "the absence or disability" of the first selectman. Under those rules, the acting first selectman would be selectman of the same party as the elected First Selectman. In North Haven, that would be Second Selectman Bill Pieper, who like Freda is a Republican. Pieper did not immediately respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

The charter creates further rules around what would happen if

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First Selectman Michael Freda speaks during an interview in his office in North Haven on May 8, 2025. Freda will resign at the start of next year and his successor must be determined by town officials.

Camera concerns spread in a snap

By Ella Napack
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Windsor resident Eric Weiner learned the town was getting license plate cameras in 2021 after reading a line tucked in a town council meeting summary.

"I can remember thinking then, this is a little odd, this is probably something that should be discussed because there are privacy implications here," Weiner said.

The cameras build a database of license

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Study flags power premium

Report: Electric customers paid \$1.8B more than they should have over 10 years

By Luther Turmelle
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A study released last month by a Cambridge, Mass.-based think tank has found that Connecticut residential electric customers who were on standard service plans paid \$1.8 billion more than they should have between 2016 and 2025.

That translates into residential standard service customers of Eversource Energy and The United Illuminating Co. paid an \$11 per month premium during the entire review period of the study

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Lindsay Clancy's parents, Paula and Mike Musgrove, watching the start of jury selection in their daughter's trial in Plymouth, Mass. last month on charges she murdered her three children in 2023.

Lindsay Clancy's parents remain private amid murder charges

Wallingford residents have kept out of the intensifying spotlight on their daughter

By Jesse Leavenworth and Austin Mirmina
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WALLINGFORD — Michael and Paula Musgrove, parents of Lindsay Clancy, the woman accused of murdering her three children in Massa-

chusetts, have shunned the intensifying spotlight trained on their daughter for the last three years.

And for the most part, the couple's friends and family have helped shield them from the public eye.

The Musgroves still live in the serene Wallingford neighborhood

where Lindsay and her sister, Allison, grew up. Pogmore Drive neighbor John Roarke, a retired New Haven firefighter, was one of the few people in town who would speak publicly about the family.

"They're good people — good, hard-

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ANSONIA

Developer plans 252 apartments, condos near town rail station

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As Connecticut looks to spur economic growth on the Waterbury commuter rail corridor, one of the Bridgeport area's most active developers is proposing more than 250 apartments and condominiums in Ansonia along the Naugatuck River.

Primrose Cos. owns more than eight acres of land across the Naugatuck River from the Ansonia station of Metro-North, where a public housing project once stood. Primrose CEO John Guedes confirmed plans to CT Insider for 152 apartments and another 100 condominium units in three buildings he wants to build at 31-165 Olson

Drive.

Guedes has focused on Shelton in recent years with multiple apartment developments on Canal Street including the 250-unit Avalon, and said he believes Ansonia is similarly ripe for revitalization.

"You have to bring people into the environment, create the environment," Guedes told CT Insider.

"Go to downtown Shelton now, to Canal Street — you'll see that there's a different feel. There's bakeries opening up, there's restaurants opening up, there's all this vitality that didn't exist 15 or 20 years ago. I envision that ... for downtown Ansonia."

In a report this week, the Regional Plan Association listed the Ansonia station as closest to Met-

ro-North's main trunk that is ripe for "near-term" residential development, of three branch rail lines extending north and the Hartford Line.

Ridership on the Waterbury Branch totaled roughly 120,000 trips in 2024, an increase of just 5.6% from the prior year that was among the lowest annual gains across the Metropolitan Trans-

portation Authority footprint in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Gov. Ned Lamont hopes to boost those numbers with state support. The Ansonia station is undergoing a \$29 million upgrade that will add better shelter against the elements, and extend the platform to accommodate more rail cars. In mid-Ju-

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