

## **Remarks of Jonathan Demmons, Chair, North Haven Select Board**

For those of you who don't know me, I am Jonathan Demmons, Chairperson of the North Haven Select Board. I would like to start by thanking the Turner Farm for allowing us to use the barn. I would also like to thank all of you — summer and year-round residents — for taking time on a Sunday afternoon to attend this gathering.

Our purpose today is to present ideas and discuss the need for capital improvements needed in order for North Haven to modernize and grow and to remain a sustainable community.

This afternoon the select board and town administrator will present to our community facts and ideas we have been discussing and working on. This gathering today is to inform and educate our citizens and property tax payers of North Haven about the plans we have for the future of this island community and how to move forward in a fiscally sound and responsible manner.

Our focus today will be presenting ways of having —

1. A safe and effective airstrip
2. Making our waterfront accessible for commercial, aquaculture, and recreational boating
3. Parking issues
4. A modern fire station, EMS, public works facility

I hope after today this will help clarify the difficulties and challenges North Haven is facing. Please have an open mind and a positive attitude as we move forward with these future plans for our community. Just remember we are all in this together.

Thank you for attending today.