

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**JANUARY 16, 2018**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jonathan Demmons (Chair), Stacy Beverage (Vice Chair), Linda Darling, Jerry White, Alex Curtis

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

ALSO PRESENT:

1. Jonathan Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2018**  
**Made by Darling, seconded by White** **Approved 3-0-1**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries:

Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$210,782.62
Warrant # 2-A	in the amount of	\$1,374.34
Payroll Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$3,211.50
Sewer Warrant # 27	in the amount of	\$14,751.17
Water Warrant # 29	in the amount of	\$19,491.35
Warrant # 52	in the amount of	\$8,636.00
Warrant # 52-A	in the amount of	\$139.50

**Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries**  
**Made by White, seconded by Curtis** **Approved 4-0-0<sup>1</sup>**

5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Reports:**
  - a. Administrator:
    - i. Clinic
      1. Clinic will be hosting a locum candidate on 1/17
    - ii. Sewer Department:
      1. No update

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<sup>1</sup> Beverage arrived after the vote

- iii. Water Department:
  - 1. No update
- iv. Bartlett's Harbor
  - 1. No update
- v. Ferry Service:
  - 1. MDOT has scheduled public hearing on new fares for Tuesday, 1/23, at 6 PM on Vinalhaven. Stone is working on setting up a remote video conference using the Tandberg system which will eliminate need to travel to VH across the Thorofare on a winter evening
  - 2. Stone reported on the 1/11/18 FSAB meeting. The new Rockland Terminal Manager, Mark Higgins, reported that the MSFS was initiating workshops and training in customer service for MSFS employees. Stone noted that the turnout for this FSAB meeting was unusually heavy, perhaps because customer service issues had become public. Upon request, MDOT MultiModal Mgr, Dubois recounted the motions and votes taken at the last FSAB meeting, which led to the MSFS/MDOT presenting two fare options to the Commissioner: one retained the existing island/mainland fare differential; the other substituted a Maine resident/nonresident fare differential. At the previous meeting the FSAB members had voted to submit both proposals to the Commissioner, but the second had passed by a smaller margin. Swan's representative, Sonny Sprague as well as J.Stone, D.Stone, J. Emerson and L.Shields from North Haven had continued at this meeting to voice their arguments against the resident/nonresident differential. The following grounds were cited for objecting: a divisive approach to communities composed of seasonal and year-round residents; a not fully considered approach to the logistics of differentiating Maine residents from nonresidents under practical high season scenarios; a failure to substantiate revenue assumptions without actually knowing the numbers of Maine residents and nonresidents regularly using the MSFS.
- vi. Transfer Station
  - 1. No update
- vii. Floats & Docks
  - 1. No update
- viii. Roads & Bridges:
  - 1. No update
- ix. Town Properties
  - 1. No update
- x. Legal
  - 1. No update
- xi. Airport Public Advisory Committee
  - 1. Stone advised board members that nominations for North Haven's representative due soon. Incumbent Dick Witherspoon is willing to be nominated for another term

**Motion to nominate Dick Witherspoon for another term on the APAC**  
**Made by White, seconded by Beverage                      Approved 5-0-0**

- xii. Miscellaneous
  - 1. Demmons also plans to attend the MMA’s Elected Officials workshop offered on VH, Feb. 13. Stone will submit the applications on behalf of the four attendees
- xiii. Sheriff’s Dept:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
1/10	Public relations, property checks	Hill
1/11	Disabled vehicle, public relations	Landers
1/12	Traffic stop, agency assist	Landers
1/13	911 Hang-up, citizen assist, accident	Landers

**7. Old Business:**

- a. *Administrator Search Committee*
  - i. Board Members generated a diverse list of names of residents who might be interested in participating in a search committee for a new Town Administrator and parceled the task of approaching them. The search committee will be composed of two members of the Select Board and the five community members.
  - ii. The Board concurred on the wording of Stone’s draft of an advertisement for the position. He will post it in the *NHNews*, the Maine Municipal Association’s on-line jobs listing and on Monster.com.

**8. New Business:**

- a. *Planning Board*
  - i. **Motion to approve the Midcoast Regional Planning ontract for added scope of services**  
**Made by Beverage, seconded by White** **Approved 5-0-0**

**9. Other:**

- a. Stone reported that he had seen Chellie Pingree who reported that Turner Farm was planning to fix the drainage problem on S.Shore Rd. this spring
- b. Stone asked Board to approve the annual revised appendices to the General Assistance Ordinance, effective from Oct.1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018

**Motion to approve the annual revision of appendices as described above**  
**Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage** **Approved 5-0-0**

- c. Since Forrest Sprague has announced his intention to retire as Fire Chief, Darling will invite him to the next Board meeting to discuss suggestions on FD organization and structure. Among the ideas floated was that some of the administrative burden of the FD could be moved to the Town Office
- d. White raised the issue of the condition of the road to Boy Scout beach in the MH park. Board’s consensus was to ask the road crew to undertake some rehabilitation when weather conditions permit. Similarly, White suggested that Town advertise for some trail work to be done in the Park. He also suggested Stone ask Road Commissioner Brown about having the road crew work on the shoulder in the vicinity of the Pease Farm

**Motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM**  
**Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage** **Approved 5-0-0**