

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
October 25, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jon Emerson (Chair), Linda Darling, Kat Alexander, Stacy Beverage & Jonathan Demmons

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

ABSENT: TREASURER, Joette Adams

1. Jon Emerson called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM and with the other members of the Board welcomed Kat Alexander on her return

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2016**
Made by Demmons, seconded by Beverage **Approved 4-0-1**

3. **Public Comment** – None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Warrant # 43	in the amount of	\$6,033.50
Warrant # 43-A	in the amount of	\$1,582.00
Sewer Warrant # 21	in the amount of	\$5,476.27
Water Warrant # 20	in the amount of	\$7,727.07
Water Warrant # 20-A	in the amount of	\$6,672.38

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Darling, seconded by Alexander **Approved 5-0-0**

5. **Correspondence:** email from Joette Adams and Kathy Macy re: use of basketball court for skateboarding. See § 7 (b) below.

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. The two walk-in flu shot clinics last week and NP Reiser's visit to NHCS resulted in at least 70 shots being given. The clinic is still able to accommodate individuals wanting the shots

ii. Sewer Department:

1. The SRF application for the upgrades at the WWTF is nearly complete.
2. Working with Attorney Gibbons on Sewer Ordinance violation at 179 Main St. No update

- iii. Water Department:
 - 1. Stone reported that he and Tammy Brown had attended another QGIS workshop at KCEMA. Subsequently, in a telephone conference, Deb Cohen of the EPA guided Stone through importing the infrastructure data into QGIS which Water Dept. personnel had mapped two years ago using a loaned EPA Trimble GPS.
- iv. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- v. Ferry Service:
 - 1. See § 7 (a) below
- vi. Transfer Station
 - 1. Stone reported that TS, TO and Ahlholm personnel will all enjoy simpler lives when the *Burgess* is back in service. The logistics of container removal have been complicated by the availability of the *Thompson*, the comfort and skill level of the hauler's drivers in backing rigs onto or off the ferry, and the varying impact of low and high tides on that maneuver.
- vii. Floats & Docks
 - 1. Stone had passed Board's thoughts and advice on to VH Town Manager Andy Dorr regarding any new Thorofare float on the VH side.
- viii. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. Pulpit Harbor Bridge: the official close of the PH Bridge will be October 31. No update
- ix. Town Properties
 - 1. See § 8 (a) below
- x. Legal
 - 1. No further update on Wolfram v. Town

b. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
10/17	Paperwork other agency	Pinkham
10/21	911 Hang-up	Elwell

7. Old Business:

a. MSFS/MDOT

- i. *Schedule*: Emerson asked the Board to assess options available to the Town for continuing to try to persuade the MSFS/MDOT to restore the 2:15 departure. It appears that neighbor VH has prevailed in imposing its preferred schedule on MDOT decision makers. Despite the overwhelming preference for 2:15 of NH residents who responded to the recent survey, there do not seem to be any new approaches to MSFS/MDOT personnel that will persuade them to restore the old schedule. Meanwhile, local residents are encouraged to collect evidence that the 2:05 departure does not accomplish its stated goals.

b. Town Properties

- i. Following last week's meeting, two members of Town Office staff, Joette Adams and Kathy Macy, wrote the Board to express their opinions, based on daily observation, on the wisdom of continuing to allow the unauthorized skateboarding furniture to remain in the basketball court adjacent to the Town Office parking lot. Among their concerns is whether the court really can be safely

adapted to dual use, on whether any new or existing town committee is willing to assume responsibility, on the lack of supervision, on the impact of skateboard noise on immediate neighbors, on the issue of presenting the Town with a *fait accompli* of transferred responsibility and finally on the problem of traffic co-existing with expanded recreational use of the Town Office parking lot. The Board has given the skateboard advocates at least another week to come up with a plan so the Board's final response remains "on pause".

- c. *Maine Islands Coalition*
 - i. Stone reported that a previous volunteer to fill the position on the Coalition vacated by Lisa Shields had not followed through. Board suggested that Stone advertise the opening and solicit interest from residents at large to see if someone might be willing to volunteer.

8. New Business:

- a. **Motion to approve Certificate of Commitment of Water User Rates i/a/o \$18,968.20**
Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage **Approved 5-0-0**
- b. **Motion to approve Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates i/a/o \$41,265.96**
Made by Alexander, seconded by Demmons **Approved 5-0-0**
- c. The routine approval of the foregoing prompted a discussion on why penalties for late payment were set at different rates for the two utilities. Hopkins was invited in to explain. While the PUC establishes maximum penalty rates for water bills, the Town historically has set the penalty rate for sewer at the same rate as for late taxes. High penalty rates are intended to encourage timely payments. The Board concurred that one penalty rate for taxes, water and sewer should be adequate.

Motion to set penalty rates for late payment for water and sewer customers to be the same as the rate set annually at Town Meeting for the late payment of taxes
Made by Alexander, seconded by Beverage **Approved 5-0-0**

9. Other:

- a. The Town Office will be closed on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving
- b. Darling will be calling in to the meetings on 11/1, 11/8 and 11/22
- c. Beverage will not be present on 11/22
- d. Emerson announced to the Board that he did not intend to run for another term as Selectman at the expiry, in March, of his current term.

Motion to adjourn at 5:15

Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage

Approved 5-0-0