

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
October 27, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Bill Trevaskis, Linda Darling, Jon Emerson, Kat Alexander & Stacy Beverage
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone
AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins
ABSENT: TREASURER, Joette Adams
ALSO PRESENT: Dave Macy and Rachael White

1. Bill Trevaskis called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2015**
Made by Beverage, seconded by Darling

Approved 5-0-0

3. **Public Comment** – None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Warrant # 43	in the amount of	\$165,452.71
Warrant # 43-A	in the amount of	\$5,772.49
Payroll Warrant # 40	in the amount of	\$852.40
Sewer Warrant # 19	in the amount of	\$14,200.25
Water Warrant # 23	in the amount of	\$16,589.56

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Darling, seconded by Emerson

Approved 5-0-0

5. **Correspondence:**

a. Selectmen reviewed and discussed letter dated 10/21 from Dale Doughty, Director, Maintenance & Operations, written on behalf of MDOT Commissioner Bernhardt, declining Selectmen's request to reconsider the MDOT's position on the transportation of clinic specimens. Since the letter from Doughty merely repeated, in almost exactly the same words, the position that MDOT's Rick Dubois had taken in his 9/23 letter, it was clear that the Department is not interested in debating the pros and cons of providing a lockbox. The Selectmen will continue to pursue the legislative remedy sponsored by our state Senator, David Miramant. See § 6 a. *vi* (2) below.

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. No update

ii. Sewer Department:

1. Olver Assocs. will be back on island on 10/28

2. The Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, has renewed the Sewer Department’s submerged lands lease for the outfall pipe.
- iii. DEP/DMR:
 1. No update
- iv. Water Department:
 1. Since the PH bridge project manager is unclear on Water Dept. preferences regarding the position of the water line, Stone will try to put Dept. personnel in direct contact.
- v. Bartlett’s Harbor
 1. No update.
- vi. Ferry Service
 1. See *Correspondence* above
 2. Sen. Miramant was successful in getting the lockbox question through the Legislative Council session. It will be taken up during the short legislative session.
- vii. Watson Airstrip
 1. T.A. has forwarded response from John Kelley at Hub International to attorney David Ray for any further suggestions.
- viii. Legal
 1. No update on Nebo/Wolfram case
- ix. Town Properties
 1. Updated “To Do” list is circulating among town employees
 2. Ball Field backstop: see § 7 (d) below
- x. Floats & Docks
 1. Have solicited opinions of Harbor Masters, other interested parties, on updating ordinances related to Floats & Docks. There was consensus that the island needs a new ordinance which will have to be composed before the March 2016 Town Meeting. The ordinance will need to distinguish possibly different needs of PH from the Thorofare.
- xi. Roads & Bridges:
 1. *Pulpit Harbor Bridge*: see § 7 (a) below
- xii. Deputy Parking
 1. New sign is on the way. Road crew has painted “Reserved” sign in the space in the ferry terminal lot.
- xiii. Transfer Station
 1. Selectmen concurred that Tim Cooper’s offer to sell Town his \$500 window and install same in the TS “barn” for \$350 was a good deal for the Town.
 2. Winter hours (8 to 4) begin week of 11/9
- xiv. Maine Municipal Insurance
 1. In receipt of the annual Action Plan for risk reduction on various town properties. No update.

b. Sheriff’s Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
10/22	Citizen assist, traffic hazard, traffic detail, property checks	Hills
10/23	School visit, traffic detail, vehicle maintenance, property checks	Hills

10/24	Traffic details, citizen assist, animal problem, information	Hills
10/25	Traffic details, information, citizen assist, animal problem	Hills

7. Old Business:

- a. *Pulpit Harbor Bridge:*
 - i. Stone will let MDOT project manager Mike Wight know that Wednesday 12/2 in the late afternoon or early evening would be the preferred date for a public hearing.
 - ii. Stone will try to get either Rex or Glen to clarify their preferences on the seasonal water line on the new bridge.
- b. *Search Committee/Planning Board*
 - i. Trevaskis reported that Callie Davisson was willing to serve out K. Macy's unexpired term (until 2016 Town Meeting) and would be willing to stand for election to a full term in March. Selectmen will vote on the appointment at the next Selectmen's meeting.
- c. *Offer of Land Donation:*
 - i. Stone shared his analysis of financial implications of accepting offer of donation of shore front property for town use. At Board's suggestion, he will ask the donor whether he would be willing to donate it to the Town and allow the Town to sell it.
- d. *Ball Field Backstop:*
 - i. Selectmen reviewed options which Al Koenig from VH had helped us narrow down. Stone will review timing and financing options with Treasurer Adams.

8. New Business:

- a. *Dave Macy and Rachael White:*
 - i. Macy and White had requested to be on the agenda to discuss short term shelter options for several marginally housed island residents in the event of severe weather or power outages this winter. The island has no obvious facility available for this purpose and lacks the professional human resources capable of addressing this kind of need either in town government or among the existing island NGOs. Macy and White had researched VH's approach to comparable problems, which is to reserve rooms at the Tidewater. Macy will investigate whether NH has a similar option, which conceivably could be financed either through the Town's General Assistance budget or through the Church's discretionary fund.

The discussion raised the separate but related topic of providing emergency shelter for a larger group of residents during a protracted bout of severe weather or a protracted power outage. Stone will see whether Knox County EMA director Ray Sisk might be willing to come to the island to run a workshop and information session with first responders and others on what the Town's best options might be and how to organize resources in advance of any need.

