

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 14, 2017
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jonathan Demmons (Chair), Linda Darling, Jerry White, Alex Curtis
SELECTMAN ABSENT: Stacy Beverage
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone
AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins
AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

1. Jonathan Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of October 31, 2017¹**
Made by White, seconded by Darling **Approved 3-0-1**
3. **Public Comment – None**
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

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

Warrant # 45	in the amount of	\$201,060.48
Warrant # 45-A	in the amount of	\$9,240.34
Payroll Warrant # 45	in the amount of	\$21,263.98
Payroll Warrant # 45-A	in the amount of	\$3,294.35
Water Warrant # 24	in the amount of	\$5,297.01
Sewer Warrant # 23	in the amount of	\$9,460.28

Ratification of Bills and Warrants signed individually last week:

Warrant # 44	in the amount of	\$5,036.07
Warrant # 44-A	in the amount of	\$1,754.48
Payroll Warrant # 44	in the amount of	\$1,516.50
Sewer Warrant # 22	in the amount of	\$110.37
Sewer Warrant # 22-A	in the amount of	\$96,506.93

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Darling, seconded by White **Approved 4-0-0**

Motion to ratify Bills and Warrants signed individually by Selectmen on 11/7
Made by White, seconded by Darling **Approved 4-0-0**

¹ The Board did not meet on 11/7/2017

5. Correspondence: *None*

6. Reports:

- a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic
 - 1. No update
 - ii. Sewer Department:
 - 1. No update
 - iii. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
 - iv. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update
 - v. Ferry Service:
 - 1. See below
 - vi. Transfer Station
 - 1. The tire pile has been taken off island
 - 2. Gordon Bubar continues to ship metal off island. The pile is much reduced
 - vii. Floats & Docks
 - 1. Prock's Steve Durrell cancelled last week Stone will try to reschedule him for a discussion of feasibility of installing pilings in the spring to stabilize PH Harbor floats
 - viii. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. No update
 - ix. Town Properties
 - 1. Town House rental has been publicized. Stone reported only limited response from potential renters. White suggested that if it appears that it may be vacant for the winter, we consider adding antifreeze to the plumbing or draining it.
 - 2. We are still waiting for the full order of shades for the Town House to be delivered.
 - x. Legal
 - 1. There should be an update on the illegal yard drain at 179 Main St. after a 11/20 court date
 - xi. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
10/26	Traffic stop	Landers
10/27	Traffic stops	Landers
10/28	Property checks	Landers
10/29	Information, traffic stop	Landers
10/30	Utility problems	Landers
10/31	Radar detail	Landers
11/1	Criminal mischief, fish & game, traffic stop	Landers
11/2	Alarm	Landers
11/5	Detail, property checks	Hills
11/9	Property checks	Landers
11/11	Criminal mischief, car/deer accident	Landers

7. Old Business:

- a. *Ferry*
 - i. Stone reported on the fare structure which the MDOT has recommended to the Commissioner and which he apparently has agreed to. While all versions of seasonal fares have been abandoned in this recommendation, so has the current fare differential between mainland purchased tickets and island tickets been abandoned in favor of a two tiered structure based on whether the purchaser is a Maine resident or not. The actual fares for locals will increase by the same amount (more or less) as they would have if the mainland/island structure had been retained. Among the concerns raised by Board members were the absence of historical data on the numbers of out-of-staters purchasing tickets, a lack which makes revenue forecasting guess-work, and the casual approach the MSFS/MDOT has taken to considering the actual day to day challenges of differentiating the two classes of ticket purchasers. Any future public hearing on this topic will be publicized.
- b. *Planning Board*
 - i. Atty. Gibbons has opined that the PB can return to the SB and make its fee recommendations and the SB can approve them without going first to a town meeting. He suggested that the fee portions of the dueling ordinances can be more formally amended at a subsequent regularly scheduled town meeting and the fees implemented by the SB implemented in the meantime simply ratified on that occasion.

8. New Business:

- a. *Treasurer Joette Adams* had requested an opportunity to gauge the Board's reaction to the possibility of creating a new town property manager position in 2018. The Board encouraged her and T.O. staff to work up a more formal and detailed job description but they were receptive to the idea of possible increased efficiency and a more focused attention to maintaining town property and anticipating needs.

9. Other:

- a. Darling asked the Board to consider ways of thanking the Emerson brothers for the extraordinary work and talent they expended on what has become a Halloween tradition just in a couple of years. Darling will discuss approaches with the Rec Council.
- b. Darling will be able to call in to the 11/21 board meeting; Curtis will not be able to attend. In Beverage's absence, the Board could not yet determine whether there would be a quorum for the meeting on the 21st.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 PM
Made by Darling, seconded by White

Approved 4-0-0