

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
SELECT BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2021
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Linda Darling (Vice Chair - by phone), Alex Curtis, Patsy Lannon, and Jeremiah MacDonald (by Zoom)

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: David Almy (by Zoom), Peter Cooper, Lissa Bittermann of ecomaine (by Zoom)

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2021**
Made by Lannon, seconded by Darling **Approved 3-0-2** (Curtis and MacDonald abstained)

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #3	in the amount of	\$337.50
Warrant #3	in the amount of	\$12,155.09
Warrant #3-A	in the amount of	\$951.12
Journal Entries	in the amount of	\$238,168.25

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

5. **Correspondence:** Letter from Islesboro Land Trust concerning the dumping of plastics into Penobscot Bay

6. **Reports**

- a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic — See COVID-19 update, below
 - ii. Fire Department/EMS
 - Working on getting a hot water sink into the building
 - iii. Floats and Docks
 - iv. Legal — Lattimer and Planning Board Chair, Pat Curtis intend to arrange a joint meeting of the Select Board and the Planning Board via Zoom.

- v. Roads & Bridges — No update
 - vi. Sewer Department
 - May consider adding a third part-time employee
 - Considering a fence around the treatment plant and a purpose-built shed over the test well, where samples are drawn
 - vii. Sheriff’s Department
- | Date | Incident | Deputy |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1.21.21 | Radar detail | Lemoi |
- viii. Town Properties
 - The State may conduct a courtesy safety inspection of the Town’s departments this fall
 - ix. Transfer Station — See the discussion below under Old Business
 - x. Water Department
 - Lattimer will work with the CEO to obtain a permit for the new shed at the Pumping Station
 - The Town continues to work toward awarding a contract to paint the interior and exterior of the Standpipe

7. Old Business:

- a. *COVID-19 Update* — Our EMS crew, police officer, and one of our nurse practitioners have been vaccinated. Our Clinic is working with Maine CDC to determine how and when island residents will be vaccinated.

No new cases have been reported on the island. The nurse practitioners urge everyone to continue to be vigilant, as the number of new cases across the State continues to climb. The Clinic has the ability to test people who show symptoms or may have been exposed, as well as part of the screening protocol for patients who have upcoming surgical procedures scheduled on the mainland.

- b. *Fire Chief Search* — Chief Shaun Cooper has announced his intent not to continue as Fire Chief after Town Meeting. Lattimer has talked with other department officers to determine if any of them are interested. So far, no one has expressed interest. The Town is exploring options to make sure we have someone to lead our Fire Department.
- c. *Transfer Station – Discussion with ecomaine concerning Recycling* — Lissa Bittermann, ecomaine’s Business Development Manager, gave the Board a detailed presentation on ecomaine’s recycling process, the current state of the recycling market, and the proposed agreement with the Town. The Board will consider the presentation and may request additional information before deciding whether to renew the Town’s contract with ecomaine.
- d. *2021 Town Meeting* — Because of restrictions on public meetings, last week the Board voted to hold the Town’s 2021 Annual Meeting using a written referendum

process, rather than our usual in-person method. Lattimer recommend this change after consulting with Maine Municipal Association and the Town's attorney. The Board set the referendum (voting) date for Saturday, April 3, 2021. Upon further consideration, Lattimer recommended pushing the date out farther so the Town could prepare the necessary materials.

Motion to set the date for Town Meeting as Saturday, May 8th, 2021
Made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon **Approved 5-0-0**

At last week's meeting, Lattimer also noted that under Maine law and Governor Mills' executive orders, the Town's voters can approve warrant articles to pay for Town expenses, but cannot vote for Town officials, such as Select Board and School Board members. Lattimer had recommended including an article in the Town warrant that would give the Town the option of choosing between a written nomination and secret ballot process or the regular process we use to elect officials from the floor. The Board approved that including that question in this year's Town warrant. Lattimer has since discovered that the Town must select one approach or the other: we cannot decide based the virus-mitigation measures in place at the time.

Motion to reverse last week's decision and NOT include this language in the 2021 Town warrant:

To place on the referendum a question allowing the Town's voters to approve adopting a paper nomination process and a secret written ballot process for the election of Town officials as specified in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528.4, and in accordance with Executive Order number 56 FY 19/20 and Maine Revised Statutes Title 30-A, Chapter 121, subchapter 2

Made by Lannon, seconded by Curtis **Approved 5-0-0**

8. **New Business** — None
9. **Other** —None
10. **Adjournment** — **Motion to adjourn at 5:22 pm made by Darling, seconded by Curtis** **Approved 5-0-0**