

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
March 22, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Harbor Masters Foy Brown and Adam Campbell

1. Jon Emerson called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2016**
Made by Alexander, seconded by Demmons **Approved 4-0-0¹**

3. **Public Comment** – None

4. **Treasurer’s Report**

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

Warrant # 12	in the amount of	\$174,567.87
Warrant # 12-A	in the amount of	\$13,495.91
Payroll # 10	in the amount of	\$20,799.36
Payroll # 10-A	in the amount of	\$3,497.88
Water Warrant # 6	in the amount of	\$1,961.77
Sewer Warrant # 6	in the amount of	\$2,824.74

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Alexander, seconded by Demmons **Approved 3-0-1**

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. No updates

ii. Sewer Department:

1. Olver Assocs. will be preparing final plans & approach to work at WWTF. The Department most likely will engage Olver Assocs. as GC, with instructions to use local subcontractors where possible. Project cost is estimated at \$80K. Department should be able to provide its own ‘bridge’ financing, pending the payoff of some existing sewer debt, a

¹ Darling joined the meeting late

financial strategy that will avoid any increases in the debt portion of the current sewer rates to pay for this project.

- iii. DEP/DMR:
 - 1. No update
- iv. Water Department:
 - 1. Department is weighing advantages/disadvantages of demolishing the old pump house and building a smaller storage shed adjacent to the treatment plant to house supplies, water meters, etc.
- v. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- vi. Ferry Service
 - 1. The apparent 'foot-dragging' on the part of MSFS/MDOT management on implementing the lockboxes until legislative action has sparked pushback from our legislators and other interested parties. The legislative fate of LD 1468 should be irrelevant to the MSFS/MDOT commitment to proceed.
 - 2. Doug Stone has been accepted as the new alternate to the FSAB. He replaces Town Administrator Stone in that role. Lisa Shields remains the primary representative.
- vii. Watson Airstrip
 - 1. Emerson and Stone reported on their telephone conversation with Norfam representative Blake Whitman this afternoon before the Select Board Meeting. Emerson's and Stone's conclusion was that they had made some progress in responding to Whitman's emailed concerns that the Town had, in the set of proposals it had put forth in a March 3 letter to Whitman, changed the boundaries of the negotiation too drastically. Stone will summarize in bullet points where the Town and Norfam seem to be moving towards an agreement.

Emerson and Stone asked Board to approve one of the provisions of the draft agreement in advance of executing the whole agreement, namely, the provision that the Town would subsidize the Norfam shareholders' liability insurance premium which is required to protect them as long as PIA is flying passengers in and out of the air strip. The funds for that subsidy (<\$5K) were approved in the 2016 Town budget in anticipation of negotiating this new agreement. The *quid pro quo* is that Norfam will continue to allow PIA to use the air strip under the provisions of a now expired agreement between PIA and Norfam until the new agreement(s) are in place. In the unlikely event that the entire negotiation falls apart, the policy the Town is subsidizing would be cancelled and the balance of the premium rebated.

Motion to approve subsidizing Norfam shareholders' liability insurance premium as described above
Made by Alexander, seconded by Demmons Approved 5-0-0

- viii. Legal
 - 1. No updates.
- ix. Floats & Docks
 - 1. See below § 8 (a) *i*

- x. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. Pete Coughlan of the MDOT had responded to Stone’s request for information on temporary speed humps for use in the village in the summer when pedestrians wander at will in the middle of the street. Coughlan provided a list of other ‘traffic calming’ strategies, none of which unfortunately would work within the geography of Main Street in the village. He was also unsure whether the MDOT would give permission for the speed humps. Meanwhile Alexander plans to continue to explore other options to improve pedestrian safety, including sidewalks and will attempt to gauge reaction of property owners on the south side of Main St. were parking on that side to be eliminated.
- xi. Town Properties
 - 1. Rec Council Chair Serino will canvass other Rec Council members at the Easter Egg hunt on their preferences among the two or three backstop options available for the ball field.
- xii. EMA
 - 1. Follow-up on EMA emergency sheltering initiative is overdue.

b. Sheriff’s Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
3/16	Information, fraud, property checks	Redmun
3/17	Property check	Potter
3/21	Property checks	Jack

7. **Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:**

a. *Floats & Docks*

i. *Ordinance*

- 1. Harbor Masters Brown and Campbell were present to review the draft of a proposed new Floats & Docks ordinance. Among the suggestions were allowing for the tie-up of 17’ rather than 14’ of shorter dinghies, a flat float registration fee for both residents and non-residents. The group’s principal concern was enforcement of the ordinance and asked Stone to investigate legal remedies for scofflaws and unpaid fines. Stone will circulate the modified draft.

ii. *New PH Float*

- 1. H.M. Campbell and the Board asked Stone to prepare an RFB for the new Pulpit Harbor float. Emerson asked that the specs include skids.

iii. *EMS Training Room Furnishings*

- 1. Board concurred with Stone’s suggestion that EMS crew chief April Brown did not need to schedule a meeting with Board to present her request for the furnishings needed for the final fit-out of the EMS training room. While the construction budget is nearing depletion, EMS has some \$19K in special funds which with the Board’s OK may be used for EMS related expenditures. The construction budget will allow for the installation cost and the special fund will be used to purchase a so-called Master Garage Storage Set from Home Depot for \$7K.

