

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**MARCH 10, 2021**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Alex Curtis, Patsy Lannon, and Jeremiah MacDonald

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Linda Darling (Vice Chair)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: None

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2021**  
**Made by Lannon, seconded by MacDonald      Approved 4-0-0**

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #9	in the amount of	\$1,900.60
Warrant #9	in the amount of	\$8,288.31
Warrant #9-A	in the amount of	\$1,256.30
Journal Entries	in the amount of	\$8,294.53

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

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports**

- a. Administrator:
  - i. Clinic — See COVID-19 update, below
  - ii. Fire Department/EMS
    - Working on getting a bathroom into the building
  - iii. Floats and Docks — No update
  - 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 — No update

vii. Sheriff’s Department

<b>Date</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
3.3.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.3.21	Hit and run	Lemoi
3.3.21	Agency assist	Lemoi
3.4.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.8.21	Traffic offense	Lemoi
3.8.21	Bail violation	Lemoi
3.8.21	Property damage – accident	Lemoi
3.8.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.9.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.9.21	Traffic offense	Lemoi

viii. Town Properties

- The State may conduct a courtesy safety inspection of the Town’s departments this fall

ix. Transfer Station — None

x. Water Department

- Lattimer is working on a contract with Marcel Payeur, whom the Board selected to paint the standpipe
- Permit approved for the new shed at the Pumping Station

**7. Old Business:**

- a. *COVID-19 Update* — 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.

EMS Chief Erin Cooper and the Clinic continue to coordinate with Maine CDC to bring vaccinations to the island, consistent with the State’s priorities

- b. *Proposed Ambulance Billing Ordinance* — After recommending the placement of an ambulance billing ordinance on the Town Warrant, Lattimer and Treasurer, Joette DeBlois, discovered that the company we planned to work with on billing and collections does not have the capacity to add North Haven to their list of clients. We were also told that additional language needs to be added to ensure Medicare will recognize the ambulance charges as a legitimate expense. For these reasons, Lattimer recommends the Board withdraw the proposed ordinance from the Town Warrant. He noted that we can ask the Town’s voters to approve the ordinance at a future special town meeting at any time, as the ordinance will not have an effect on tax obligations.

**Motion to remove the proposed ambulance billing ordinance from the Town Warrant made by Demmons, seconded by MacDonald      Approved 4-0-0**

## 8. New Business

- a. *Tax Anticipation Note* — Treasurer DeBlois has worked with Bond Counsel Eaton Peabody to solicit bids for loaning the Town money to cover expenses until tax revenues begin to arrive. We do this each year. Eaton Peabody solicited six banks and Androscoggin Bank offered the best interest rate, 1.11%. DeBlois and Lattimer notified the Board that they intend to have Eaton Peabody prepare the paperwork needed to borrow \$1.2 million. The Board concurred and will sign the necessary papers next week.
  
- b. *Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station* — People have asked about the possibility of the Town's sponsoring an EV charging station. Perry Gates has graciously volunteered to help the Town locate and secure grant funding for this project. Gates has found an organization called A Climate to Thrive on Mount Desert that provides grants to municipalities for EV charging stations. A Climate to Thrive would cover the cost of a charging station and necessary wiring and installation up to \$5,000. A charging unit costs about \$1,400, leaving \$3,600 for installation costs. Lattimer and Gates discussed different options with Gordon Beck from A Climate to Thrive. The model most communities are adopting is one in which the Town would provide the electricity at no cost to the user, seeking donations to underwrite the expense of electricity. After the concept gains traction, towns later consider switching to a pay-as-you-go model. Beck noted that a pay-as-you-go model does not provide a revenue stream for a town, it just covers the cost of the electricity and administration. After discussing the two options — town-provided electricity or pay-as-you-go — with Beck, Lattimer believes the better model would be for the Town to provide electricity at no cost. This would eliminate hiccups with internet connectivity and credit card readers, which the Town staff does not have time to fix. With Board approval, the Town would seek sponsors or donors to offset the cost of electricity. Lattimer recommends the unit be installed near the Community Building.

**Motion to authorize the Town to seek a grant from A Climate to Thrive for the installation of a electric vehicle charging station to be installed near the Community Building and for the Town to provide the electricity at no charge, to be offset by any sponsorships or donations, made by Lannon, seconded by MacDonald**  
**Approved 4-0-0**

## 9. Other – MacDonald mentioned two items:

- Whether Lattimer's meeting with Amy Watson of Fox Islands Electric Cooperative resulted in any timeline for placing the wires at the end of Waterman Lane on the new poles. Watson told Lattimer she will check on timing and get back to him.

- MacDonald asked whether the Recreation Council would purchase new backboard and hoops for the basketball court next to the YMCA. Lattimer said he would check with the Rec Council.

**10. Adjournment — Motion to adjourn at 4:23 pm made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon  
Approved 4-0-0**