

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

SELECT BOARD

MARCH 17, 2021

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: David Almy (by phone)

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2021**
Made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon Approved 4-0-1 Darling abstained)

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #10	in the amount of	\$24,735.42
Payroll Journal #10-A	in the amount of	\$4,305.65
Warrant #10	in the amount of	\$190,367.08
Warrant #10-A	in the amount of	\$10,769.79
Sewer Department Warrant #4	in the amount of	\$4,703.11
Water Department Warrant #4	in the amount of	\$2,579.95
Water Department Warrant #4-A	in the amount of	\$17,660.72

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

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports**

- a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic — Electrical upgrades underway
 - ii. Fire Department/EMS
 - Working on getting a bathroom into the building
 - EMS preparing application for a temporary restricted air ambulance service license; this license allows EMS to put emergency patients on Penobscot Island Air for transport

- 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
 - Harold Cooper installed new LED lighting
 - Jamien Shields painted the office interior
 - Thayer’s Lift Station pumps were out of service due to electrical problems and because wipes and feminine hygiene products clogged one of the pumps

vii. Sheriff’s Department

Date	Incident	Deputy
3.10.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.10.21	Traffic stop	Lemoi
3.11.21	Radar detail (x 2)	Lemoi
3.11.21	Public relations	Lemoi
3.15.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.16.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
3.16.21	Traffic stop	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

8. New Business

- a. *Tax Anticipation Note* — As noted last week, Androscoggin Bank has offered the best interest rate, 1.11%, for out \$1.2 million note.

Motion to enter into a Tax Anticipation Note agreement with Androscoggin Bank

Made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon

Approved 5-0-0

- b. *Fire Department, Utility Pickup Truck* — The Fire Department has located a used 2008 Ford F-250 utility pickup truck with a pump and tank that could be used to get into spaces and locations where the Department's larger trucks cannot go. Chris Stone, who has agreed to serve as our next Chief, presented details about the truck to the Board and asked them to approve the purchase. The truck has 18,500 miles on it.

Motion to authorize the Town to purchase a 2008 Ford F-250 utility pickup truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for \$16,000, delivered, made by Demmons, seconded by MacDonald

Approved 5-0-0

- c. *1985 Ford F8000 Fire Department Tank Truck* — This truck is no longer in service and has been sitting at the State Pit for over one year. Lattimer recommends putting it out for bid.

Motion to authorize the Town to put the 1985 Ford F8000 tank truck out to bid with a minimum price of \$300 made by Demmons, seconded by MacDonald

Approved 5-0-0

- d. *Part-time Sewer Department Employee* — The Town advertised for a part-time employee to assist with the management our sewer plant, pumps, and collection system. Ian Hopkins applied and is well qualified.

Motion to appoint Ian Hopkins as a part-time Sewer Department employee made by Lannon, seconded by MacDonald

Approved 5-0-0

- e. *Ferry Service Update* — Jon Emerson briefed the Board on Ferry Service matters, including the idea to improve safety in the Rockland parking lot by eliminating the current horseshoe lineup configuration and converting it to a chute style system. The chute system would consist of separate parallel lanes for both Vinalhaven and North Haven. As proposed, vehicles could enter the lanes no earlier than 90 minutes prior to loading time. Use of line soakers and the ability to swap out vehicles would be discontinued. Emerson noted that following the State's presentation, both North Haven's Ferry Service Advisory Board representatives and those from Vinalhaven strenuously objected to the proposed changes. Both the Ferry Service and Department of Transportation representatives noted that this safety proposal was just a proposal and did not have a timetable for implementation. Representatives from both islands plan to send a letter to the Ferry Service objecting to the proposal and offering to discuss changes to protect the line attendants and other pedestrians from dangers associated with moving vehicles while retaining the current horseshoe configuration.

[**Note:** Darling had to leave the meeting part way through the Ferry Service update.]

9. Other – None

**10. Adjournment — Motion to adjourn at 5:15 pm made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon
Approved 4-0-0**