

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
April 11, 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
ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Mert Howard, Jon Emerson (by teleconference) and Harold Cooper

1. Jonathan Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2017**
Made by Darling, seconded by White **Approved 4-0-0**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries:
 - b. Review of Journal Entries

Warrant # 15	in the amount of	\$15,841.28
Warrant # 15-A	in the amount of	\$1,753.44
Payroll Warrant # 14	in the amount of	\$5,822.85
Sewer Warrant # 8	in the amount of	\$20,215.08
Water Warrant # 8	in the amount of	\$19,750.00

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

5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic
 1. Repair and renovation work still underway. Lavatory/laboratory partition rebuilt; flooring was being laid today.
 2. Seacoast Security came out today to estimate cost of installed hard-wired smoke detectors. As a result of the “commercial” status of the clinic portion of the building, strobes as well as noise alarms will be needed.
 - ii. Sewer Department:
 1. Apex Construction has begun work on the upgrades to the WWTF

- iii. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
- iv. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- v. Ferry Service:
 - 1. Without further prompting, the MSFS has scheduled the medical lockbox to be removed from bridge and placed in the cabin
 - 2. See below § 8 (b)
- vi. Transfer Station
 - 1. Phil DesLauriers did some research on vendors able to remove a lengthy list of electronic items.
- vii. Floats & Docks
 - 1. No updates
- viii. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. New Snow Plow: Signed the P&S today with Farley & Sons and have dispatched it and a check for Ford Motor Credit to Atty. Gibbons. When we receive the title from FMC, we will pay Farley the balance of the agreed-upon purchase price.
 - 2. PH Bridge: steel should be set within the next two weeks. Need to investigate whether outer PH Rd. may need some remedial work after the 60 ton crane leaves the island via Izzy's Beach.
 - 3. Progress meeting on the 13th
- ix. Town Properties
 - 1. See *Clinic* above
 - 2. *Town House*: Interior and most exterior painting completed; new dishwasher and countertops installed; Cayouette scheduled to come out to replace upstairs carpeting.
 - 3. *Gym/Community Building*: Lavatory and lobby painting nearly complete
- x. Legal
 - 1. Wolfram/Nebo: no ruling expected for several months
- xi. Mullins Head Park
 - 1. No update
- xii. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
4/8	Information	Potter
4/10	Car/deer accident	Smith

7. **Old Business:** *None*

8. **New Business:**
 a. *Nebo Lodge*

Motion to approve Application for a Catering Permit for Nebo Lodge's "Barn Suppers"

Made by White, seconded by Curtis **Approved 4-0-0**

Motion to approve renewal of Nebo Lodge's Alcoholic Beverage License

Made by Darling, seconded by White **Approved 4-0-0**

b. MSFS

- i. Shields, Howard and Stone reported on the special FSAB meeting of 4/6 which they had attended and in which MDOT's Director of Multimodal Operations, Rick DuBois, presented the MDOT/MSFS need for additional operating revenues in 2018 and a group of fare scenarios which would allow the MSFS to reach its revenue target. The MSFS intends to increase revenues from ticket sales from approximately \$4.5MM to \$5.2MM, an increase of 15.6%. At the heart of all of the MSFS fare scenarios were the permanent abolition of island rates and the introduction of higher seasonal rates and lower (or flat) off-season rates. While those present were aware that the case for the 15.6% revenue increase had not yet been discussed or challenged, they were prepared for the time being to accept the need for a fare increase (there having been none since 2009), they focused today's discussion on the impact and consequences of moving from fares based on the point of departure (island v. mainland) to fares based on season. The MDOT/MSFS rationale for ignoring other fare scenarios (such as proportional increases of the current fare structure) is their interpretation of the language of S.P.O 566 - LD 1468, *An Act to Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State*, That legislation, sponsored by Sen. Dave Miramant, had included the provision of the medical lockboxes. It also includes the following language:

“Customer service. [The rules must:] Include procedures to modernize customer services, including, but not limited to, passenger wait lines, slot times and seasonal rates. The procedures must be developed with the goal of improving customer service and identifying opportunities for increased revenue.”

While none of those present had attempted to run every scenario, the impact on year-round islanders consistently exceeded the 15.6% increase the MSFS needs to meet its revenue goals. Some examples: a NH fare for a vehicle, two passengers and round trip reservations costs \$62.75 today. Under the MSFS scenario which would use current mainland rates for all high season trips (a 4 month high season of June-Sept), that same trip would cost \$104, a 66% increase over what an islander currently pays. On an annual basis of one trip a month for 12 months, an islander's monthly trip would rise from annual total of \$753 to \$918, a 22% overall change.

The consensus emerging from this discussion was that North Haven should be represented again at the 4/13 informational session. Emerson plans to attend. White and Darling may also attend. Meanwhile Stone will be in touch with Sen. Miramant to try to determine his position on whether LD 1468 actually mandates seasonal rates and if it does, what remedies might be pursued.

No one present at the meeting was able to understand, or agree with, the MSFS/MDOT decision to increase the annual parking fee from \$325 to \$500 as a strategy to reduce demand and therefore to reduce the aggravation of Rockland Terminal staff when confronted by annual pass holders who cannot find a space in the lot in the busy season.

9. Other:

- a. Darling asked the Board to acknowledge the volunteer roadside litter patrols which Laura MacDonald and a number of island young people have undertaken on their own. The

Board is indeed impressed and grateful.

- b.** Curtis mentioned that he would be happy to join Tammy Brown and Stone in walking the easement at the Pulpit Harbor dock to determine just how large it was “on the face of the earth”. Stone looks to do so after he returns from vacation.

Motion to adjourn at 5:16 PM

Made by Darling, seconded by White

Approved 4-0-0