

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

SELECT BOARD

APRIL 9, 2019

4:30 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

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:30 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2019**
Made by Darling, seconded by MacDonald **Approved 4-0-1** (Curtis abstained)

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Warrant #13	in the amount of	\$12,680.50
Warrant #13-A	in the amount of	\$1,899.60

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

5. **Correspondence:** Letter from Hope Sage regarding intent to sell the Grange Hall

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

- i. Clinic — Kathi Lovell hired as Clinic Assistant and Eva Hopkins hired as backup. Looking for one or two additional backups.
- ii. Fire Department/EMS (see new business below)
- iii. Floats and Docks — None
- iv. Legal — None
- v. Roads & Bridges — Road Commissioner Brown estimates the cost of raising the roadbed near Turner Farm at \$140,000, plus paving. He suggests exploring the alternative of creating a more effective culvert to divert the water using a pneumatic hammer. Lattimer will explore.
- vi. Sewer Department — None
- vii. Sheriff's Department
Incident reports

Date	Incident	Deputy
4.2	Property check	Walker
4.2	Traffic offense	Walker
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4.4	Hit and run - property only	Stevens
4.8	Property damage	Landers

- viii. Town Properties — Lattimer is preparing an analysis as to how best to ensure the Town’s properties are maintained and repaired as necessary
- ix. Transfer Station — Peter Cooper and his team are continuing to work with the hauling company and Road Commissioner to reduce the size of the metal pile. Lattimer checked with the Ferry Service to determine whether the Town could schedule an extra boat or two to carry extra trucks so we could eliminate the excess waste at the Transfer Station more quickly. The Ferry Service cannot make another boat available until after the BURGESS returns to service. Lattimer will also check on using the ISLAND TRANSPORTER
- x. Water Department — None

7. Old Business:

- a. *Airstrip:* Gartley & Dorsky, a professional engineering firm, provided basic topographic data about each of the alternative airstrips under consideration.

8. New Business:

- a. *Fire Department Plan update* — Fire Chief Cooper and Lattimer recommended the Select Board concur in purchasing eight new sets of turnout gear, two new helmets, eight pairs of boots, four pagers, three radios, a new computer, and a new document scanner. Total cost, approximately \$24,712. The Board concurred.
- b. *EMS Stipends* — The Board considered recommendations to pay EMS Chief Erin Cooper for the significant work she did in updating documents and procedures for North Haven EMS and to increase the Crew Chief’s stipend. Following the discussion the Board voted to make a one-time payment to Chief Cooper and to increase her stipend.

Motion to pay EMS Crew Chief Erin Cooper a one-time sum of \$2,500 for the work she did in updating documents and procedures, to increase her stipend from \$5,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, and to revisit the EMS stipends in September 2019.

Made by MacDonald, seconded by Curtis Approved 5-0-0

- c. *Ferry Service* — Jon Emerson and Lisa Shields (by telephone) briefed the Board on two Ferry Service issues: (1) the proposed rate increase; and (2) an upcoming meeting with the Ferry Service, Coast Guard, and Vinalhaven concerning the

engines-off policy. Regarding the proposed 17% fare increase, among the questions discussed were whether the increase would be necessary if the State had continued the differential between on-island and off-island ticket purchases, whether there is data to support the proposed fare increase, and whether the Ferry Service could do a better job of budgeting to prevent the need for such drastic increases.

Following the discussion, the Board directed Lattimer to ask the Ferry Service for financial data so ferry riders can assess whether a fare increase is needed. Emerson suggested talking with Joe Stone to see if his fare proposal (developed in response to the proposed change to Tariff #7) would serve to close the financial gap.

Regarding the engines-off meeting, both Emerson and Lattimer said they would attend and would report back to the Board.

9. Board Member Comments — None

10. Motion to adjourn at 6:19 made by Darling, seconded by MacDonald

Approved 5-0-0