

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
May 2-3, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jonathan Demmons (Chair), Stacy Beverage (Vice Chair), Linda Darling, Jerry White, Alex Curtis

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Board Members: Jeff Crawford, Becky Bartovics, Jamien Shields, Pat Curtis and Doug Record

1. Jonathan Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2017**
Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage **Approved 5-0-0**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries:

Warrant # 18	in the amount of	\$12,425.43
Warrant # 18-A	in the amount of	\$16,620.29
Payroll Warrant # 17	in the amount of	\$21,159.79
Payroll Warrant # 17-A	in the amount of	\$3,871.35
Water Warrant # 10	in the amount of	\$1,876.15
5. **Correspondence:** Acknowledgement from Midcoast Maine Community Action of annual Town contribution
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic
 1. Downstairs lavatory: waiting for sink and commode to be installed. Carpentry work appears to be complete
 2. Seacoast Security smoke alarm installation to be evaluated when we know the full costs of the renovation of the patient lavatory and the repair of the lab area (no update)
 - ii. Sewer Department:
 1. Apex Construction: installing wet well in new location; excavating and installing chemical feed conduits to influent structure

- iii. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
- iv. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- v. Ferry Service:
 - 1. See attached 4/28 email from Sen. Miramant
- vi. Transfer Station
 - 1. Stone plans to meet with TS manager Cooper to discuss electronics removal (no update)
- vii. Floats & Docks
 - 1. White reported that Pulpit Harbor ramp should be done by end of next week
 - 2. Having learned that the Harbor Master, apparently not realizing that the Town puts old floats out to bid, had appropriated it and built a structure on it. The Board to sell the float to him for \$750

Motion to sell old Pulpit Harbor float to Harbor Master Campbell for \$750

Made by Demmons, seconded by White Approved 5-0-0

- 3. Members of the Board reported that the EMT crew was seriously impeded in their effort to carry a patient litter down the Thorofare ramp to a waiting transport because of illegally parked vehicle(s) at the head of the ramp. Board asked T.A. to look into the feasibility of perhaps installing a post and chain in that location to prevent illegal blockage. Fog and weather had made transport from the Thorofare the only option of the day.
- viii. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. Hagar Enterprises to discuss add-on road repaving this upcoming Friday
 - 2. PH Bridge: deck to be placed on 5/10; the MDOT's portion of paving scheduled for 5/17.
- ix. Town Properties
 - 1. Ball field backstop still needs to be erected. No Update
 - 2. MMA Risk Mgt. will be out on Thursday do one of its periodic property inspections.
- 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
4/26	Car/deer accident	Potter

7. New Business:

- a. *Sewer and Water Abatement request from Ruthie Adams:* Adams requested a partial abatement of the overage charges for water use, which also affected her sewer bill, which were caused by two leaking faucets and a leaking toilet.

Motion to approve water and sewer abatement requests i/a/o \$1,266.72 and

\$2,184.00 respectively for Ruthie Adams, as described above
Made by Darling, seconded by White **Approved 5-0-0**

8. Old Business:

- a. *MSFS*: attached as an appendix is a copy of excerpts from an email dated 4/26 from Sen. Dave Miramant summarizing the results of a discussion among Commissioner Bernhardt, Dale Doughty, Rep. Walter Kumiega and himself.
- b. *Planning Board*: PB members Curtis, Crawford, Bartovics, Shields and Record were present to continue their page by page review and discussion of the draft of the proposed new Land Use Ordinance prior to its being taken to a public hearing. The slow pace of the review caused the joint boards to agree to a recess of the Select Board meeting in order to continue the discussion

9. Motion to recess Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30 PM to resume at 5 PM on Wednesday, May 3

Made by Darling, seconded by White **Approved 5-0-0**

- 10. Demmons called the recessed meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. All members of the Select Board and Planning Board who were present on May 2 were present except for Beverage (SB) and Shields (PB).** (Before resuming discussion of the draft of the proposed new Land Use Ordinance, Stone polled members of the Select Board to see if they were open to putting Rick DuBois from the MSFS/MDOT on their 5/16 agenda to hear his thoughts on the proposed fare increases. They were in agreement and Stone will notify DuBois.)

Members of both Boards resumed their page by page, section by section, review and comment on the draft ordinance beginning at *Part IV Performance Standards*. Crawford incorporated changes as the members of the two Boards agreed on deletions, additions and clarifying language. The resulting new draft will be publicized as soon as possible and in advance of any Public Hearing. Members of both Boards were in agreement that they could support it, while acknowledging that they could and did disagree with some particular provision.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM

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

4/26/3017 email from Sen. Dave Miramant on status of MSFS/MDOT proposals to raise fares and parking fees (excerpted)

Hello All,

Rep. Kumiega and I met with Commissioner Bernhardt and Dale Doughty last week and discussed the increased fees that the DOT needs to raise. As you heard from the 2 meetings with the Ferry Service Advisory Board, they were looking into ways that they could raise funds and make the system work better. They claimed to be surprised that the ideas weren't well received and we pointed out why that would be based on the way they do things.

During discussions of the Ferry bill that passed in the last session, DOT said that they would need to raise funds in the future since there had not been an increase for several years. I encouraged them to look at a seasonal system that would stop subsidizing summer folks, and instead would provide a bigger discount to islanders on a year round basis. When I saw their idea about the seasonal rate, it did raise the fare drastically in the summer without much of a corresponding winter discount. They also proposed fee increases for parking and call in numbers, but mostly as a revenue enhancer and not with a direct improvement of user experience as my bill directed.

During the discussions, the DOT agreed to back off the parking fee increase, leave the call in as it is, and look at an across the board increase in fees with the existing systems in place. They do have some ideas about making the waiting lanes in Rockland work better, and they may try that after working out some details if it looks like it could help. They also agreed to have several meetings on the islands where they will present the different ideas and rates for discussion. They are looking for ideas that will help make the Ferry Service work for the users. Your ideas are welcome and encouraged! It may be that you have presented some ideas in the past and they have gone unheard by certain individuals who are part of the process. That is how I got involved with the bill in the first place. I have assurances that your ideas are wanted, will be listened to and will be considered all the way to the top...

They DOT estimates they need \$2 million in increases. They have an ambitious plan to cycle the boats into a thorough maintenance cycle as soon as they have an extra boat to allow that. To keep the older fleet reliable, they plan to get as much work as possible done when the boat is cycled out. This need, and the fact that there has not been an increase for many years makes sense in the long run. One half of that budget will come out of the general fund and the other half must come from user fees. We all see this everyday in our own lives so it is no surprise that it would happen at some point with ferry rates. The important part is that it is done thoughtfully and fairly which is what we made clear last week...