

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
June 27, 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: Jesse Davisson, Chris Beverage, Nibs Nichols, Bill Trevaskis, Amilia Campbell, Pat Curtis, Sam Hallowell, Harold Cooper, Ken Hopkins

1. Jonathan Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2017**
Made by White, seconded by Darling **Approved 3-0-2**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

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

Warrant # 26	in the amount of	\$12,097.83
Warrant # 26-A	in the amount of	\$27,304.47
Payroll Warrant # 25	in the amount of	\$22,484.86
Payroll Warrant # 25-A	in the amount of	\$3,294.35
Sewer Warrant # 12	in the amount of	\$1,586.64
Water Warrant # 14	in the amount of	\$3,086.67

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

5. **Correspondence:** *None*
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic
 1. T.A. Stone reminded the island couriers that s/he needs to have a TWIC on her/him in order to deliver patient specimens to the ferry lockbox
 - ii. Sewer Department:
 1. Apex work is on hold until components arrive (no update)
 2. Trying to schedule a meeting re: landscaping with one of the Lewis brothers for next week

- iii. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
- iv. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- v. Ferry Service:
 - 1. T.A. Stone reported being directed by the Governor's office to speak with the DOT Commissioner re: maintaining essential ferry service in the event of a government shutdown. The Commissioner's Office was surprised by the advice as the designation of essential services is up to the Governor.
 - 2. Working on coordination with other islands on a common approach to fares.
- vi. Transfer Station
 - 1. No update
- vii. Floats & Docks
 - 1. Elliott Brown has already placed granite blocks on the seaward perimeter of the PH parking lot
 - 2. Learned that new PH float is about half completed
 - 3. Board asked Stone to schedule a meeting with Harbor Master Campbell re: conditions in PH and at dock
- viii. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. Demolished guardrail on Middle Rd. will be replaced on 7/7
 - 2. Ordered new plastic anchors so speed humps can be moved
- ix. Town Properties
 - 1. Road crew will erect the back stop on ball field
 - 2. While sewer project on hold, Abel will refinish Town House floors so MSAD # 7's tenant can move in
- x. Legal
 - 1. Town Attorney Gibbons has filed a complaint in Superior Court for an Injunction against the owner of 179 Main St for continuing to allow a yard drain to be connected to the sanitary sewer
- xi. Planning Board
 - 1. No update
- xii. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
6/20	Accident	Potter
6/24	Property checks, citizen assist, foot patrol	Simonetti
6/25	Property checks, foot patrol	Simonetti

7. Old Business: *None*

8. New Business:

- a. At Executive Director Nibs Nichols' request members of North Haven Conservation Partners Board and a contingent of Mullins Head Park Commissioners were present to discuss maintenance issues and responsibility issues primarily involving the Burnt Island portion of the Park. Although the discussion was wide ranging, it was essentially about the relative roles of the "Town" (actually the Board of Selectmen), the Mullins Head Park Commission and North Haven Conservation Partners in maintaining Burnt Island particularly and the rest of the Park in general. Nichols and Trevaskis were suggesting

that NHCP was willing to take a more active role by assuming both direct responsibility and liability for trail work and general maintenance as well as for developing a plan for the deteriorating cabin. Stone argued that there was an existing workable, if underused, structure involving elected officials that obviated “outsourcing” primary responsibility for an important Town asset to another group, namely, NHCP. The 2000 M.O.U. between the Town and NHCP, cited during the discussion, outlines the primary maintenance and fiscal responsibilities between those two parties.

There was agreement among those present that Burnt Island needed some trail work. Recommendations about the nature and extent of same should come from within the Commission, from suggestions made by NHCP to the Commission and from suggestions by Island residents to the Commission. In recent years, the Board of Selectmen has given latitude to the Park Commissioners in deciding, for example, which portions of the Park should be subject to extensive mowing. Any work requiring power equipment, particularly chainsaws, needs to be done either by a Town employee or an insured outside contractor. Volunteers are restricted to hand tools. Work requiring the expenditure of funds or use of dangerous power equipment needs the approval of the Selectmen or their designees.

Trevaskis proposed that NHCP would absorb the ideas and concerns voiced during the meeting and return to the Selectmen with a response.

9. Other:

- a. Stone will ask the road crew to improve the sight line at the intersection of PH Rd and the Middle Rd.
- b. White asked Stone to investigate the possibilities of slowing the conversion of prime real estate from taxable to exempt categories through a moratorium or other mechanism.

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM
Made by Darling, secured by Curtis

Approved 5-0-0