

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
August 2, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jon Emerson (Chair), Linda Darling, Kat Alexander, Stacy Beverage & Jonathan Demmons

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Christine & Roman Cooper

1. Jon Emerson called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2016**
Made by Darling, seconded by Demmons

Approved 4-0-0¹

3. **Public Comment –**

- a. Roman and Christine Cooper were present to discuss the Cease and Desist Order they received from the Code Enforcement Officer for not obtaining a land use permit for the erection of a yurt on property they own. In their opinion the Order represented an error in the application of Land Use Ordinance standards by the CEO because the structure was not a permanent structure. Stone pointed out that the CEO has consistently required permits for structures that materially affect *land use*. As the Coopers have now applied for a permit and will be submitting it with a soil survey to meet State statutes regulating waste water, the immediate grounds for their complaint appear to have been resolved.

Topics raised by their complaint include the apparent tolerance of “the Town” for other land use violations. Stone pointed out that the Town has no ordinances regulating “camping” on private property, nor an inspection or enforcement routine that extends beyond the issuance of a building permit and the immediate follow-through during construction of a building. When alerted to potential violations of State statutes regarding wastewater, the CEO involves the appropriate state agency. The CEO does not enforce the Sewer Ordinance and, in any case, the scope of the Sewer Ordinance does not extend beyond the sewer system itself.

Historically, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection have enforced State Statutes regulating waste disposal in areas not served by the sanitary sewer. To some who were present at this meeting, the need for, and growth of, less traditional housing has led to inconsistent enforcement of Town Ordinances and State Statutes. Town Officials, having recognized that the challenge of less traditional housing was growing, had already invited the Licensed Plumbing Inspector to attend a workshop on the statutes and standards for appropriate waste water disposal for structures that were neither served by the sanitary sewer nor conventional septic systems.

¹ Alexander had not yet arrived at the Meeting

- ix. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. April Nichols has volunteered to recruit other volunteers for a mid-summer island clean-up on Wednesday 8/10. She is coordinating with the Rec Council's Jake Greenlaw. Board is very appreciative of her initiative.
 - 2. Stone alerted the Board to second hand news he had just received about potential impact on the mooring balls in Pulpit Harbor during the reconstruction of the Bridge. He will get in touch with MDOT's Mike Wight.
- x. Town Properties
 - 1. The ball field backstop has been delivered. Abel LaBelle and Elliott Brown are working to coordinate installation.
- xi. Legal
 - 1. No update.

b. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
7/29	Radar detail, property checks	Hills
7/30	911 Hang-up	Mitchell
7/31	Suspicious, nuisance, property checks	Hills

7. Old Business:

- a. *Lockbox Implementation Issues:* see § 6 (a) v. above.
- b. *Agreement between Norfam Corporation and the Town of North Haven*
 - i. Emerson and Stone agreed that this iteration of the Agreement very closely tracks the version which together they had composed and sent to Norfam back in April. The Board should be in a position to vote next week.

8. New Business: *None*

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM
Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage

Approved 5-0-0