

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
September 22, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Bill Trevaskis, Linda Darling, Jon Emerson, Kat Alexander & Stacy Beverage
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone
AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins
AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams
ALSO PRESENT: Elliott Brown, Nibs Nichols, Mike Wight & Wayne Frankhauser, MDOT by teleconference

1. Bill Trevaskis called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2015**
Made by Alexander, 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 # 38	in the amount of	\$20,437.52
Warrant # 38-A	in the amount of	\$13,254.44
Payroll Warrant # 35	in the amount of	\$16,855.45
Payroll Warrant # 35-A	in the amount of	\$3,230.80
Water Warrant # 21	in the amount of	\$2,485.21
Water Warrant # 21-A	in the amount of	\$4,006.80
Sewer Warrant # 17	in the amount of	\$2,190.20
Sewer Warrant # 17-A	in the amount of	\$18,900.00

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

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. Lorraine Reiser, NP, begins 10/2

ii. Sewer Department:

1. Olver Assocs. will be on island Thursday to scope out WWTF work

iii. DEP/DMR:

1. No update

- iv. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
- v. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update
- vi. Ferry Service
 - 1. Letter from Selectmen to MSFS/MDOT requesting meeting on clinic specimen transport sent on 9/17. No response yet.
- vii. Watson Airstrip
 - 1. We have requested a consultation between our attorney and Norfam's attorney on 'wrap-up' insurance.
 - 2. Norfam representative Whitman had suspended PIA service on Watson airstrip until PIA provides activity logs per the agreement between PIA and Norfam. Both parties are now working under an interim agreement.
- viii. Legal
 - 1. No update on Nebo/Wolfram
- ix. Town Properties
 - 1. Stone requested Road Crew to remove rest of backstop from the ball field
- x. Floats & Docks
 - 1. No update
- xi. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. Town is working with Gartley & Dorsky to develop a plot plan adequate to create an easement for the proposed diagonal parking off Smith St.
- xii. Transfer Station
 - 1. Expecting a proposal from a contractor interested in the ceiling and floor work
 - 2. Last Monday opening this season will be 10/12.
 - 3. Winter hours (8 to 4) begin week of 11/9 (decision on Veterans' Day still to be made)
- xiii. Maine Municipal Insurance
 - 1. In receipt of the annual Action Plan for risk reduction on various town properties
- xiv. Sheriff's Dept.
 - 1. Deputies Mitchell and Hills scheduled to attend 9/29 Selectmen's meeting
 - 2. Question of reserved parking has been reopened
- b. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
9/17	Fraud	Potter
9/18	Radar detail, property checks	Mitchell
9/19	Agency Assist	Mitchell
9/19	Missing Person	Elwell

7. Old Business:

a. Pulpit Harbor Bridge

- i.** Mike Wight and Wayne Frankhauser made a presentation, through teleconferencing, on design options for PH Bridge, as the MDOT sees them. The MDOT remains committed to a single span design. For those who have concerns

about the depth of the superstructure, which a single span design requires, the only amelioration to keep the road bed on the same plane as the existing road bed, would be to reduce clearance under the span. There did not seem to be any enthusiasm for that option. The MDOT's position is that a two-span design, with a central pier, would add \$500K to \$800K to the project cost as well as add significant construction time. That option would reduce the profile without reducing the under-bridge clearance. The MDOT had suggestions for painting the substructure of the new bridge which might help harmonize it with its setting. The existing green color could be reproduced or a commonly used brown shade might serve to blend the structure into its setting. Another alternative would be to allow the galvanized portions, over time, to oxidize to a gray color. The MDOT's presentation included several guardrail options which would meet highway safety standards but which would have a less stark impact than the plain galvanized steel "W" rails. Low visual impact colors are available, as are timber options. Although riprap cannot be avoided, the MDOT suggested that since the eventual contractor would need to dispose of the existing granite, s/he could re-use it, laid in courses, on a foundation of rip-rap, on the portion of the abutments that lie above the median high water line. Another possibility is filling the voids in the riprap with soil and either seeding or planting them. Selectmen were particularly concerned with ways to lessen the impact of both the temporary and permanent positioning of utilities on the Mayfields' property. There seemed to be no alternative to at least some judicious and selective clearing on their property. Neither the fiber-optic nor electric network can be re-routed along the looping road detour. The option to bury the electric and fiber-optic lines was discussed and the MDOT will explore it but the members of the Board concluded that that option was not likely to be feasible.

The members of the public who were present were asked if they had questions or comments. Road Commissioner Brown endorsed the MDOT's design, stating his conviction that raising the roadway would improve safety particularly for northbound traffic as it comes down the steep hill in winter conditions. Nichols asked whether the Board would be open to seeing other design options. The Board remains open to dialogue but advised Nichols that it would need to be making decisions by the end of November in order for the MDOT to stay on its existing timetable.

- ii. After terminating the teleconferencing, Board members agreed to review the presentation when it is electronically posted and resume discussion at their next meeting.

8. New Business:

- a. **Motion to appoint Kathy Macy Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters**
Made by Emerson, seconded by Alexander **Approved 5-0-0**

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM
Made by Darling, seconded by Alexander **Approved 4-0-0¹**

¹ Beverage had had to leave meeting before adjournment