

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Linda Darling (Vice Chair), and Patsy Lannon,

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Alex Curtis and Jeremiah MacDonald

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: Shaun Cooper, Chris Stone, Scott Higgins, Foy E. Brown, John Waterman, Erin Cooper

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:30 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of September 17, 2019**  
**Made by Lannon, seconded by Darling** **Approved 3-0-0**

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Warrant #35	in the amount of	\$120,123.52
Warrant #35-A	in the amount of	\$10,895.84
Sewer Department Warrant #19	in the amount of	\$1,406.55
Water Department Warrant #19	in the amount of	\$3,668.05

**Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries**  
**Made by Darling, seconded by Lannon** **Approved 3-0-0**

5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **New Business:** Meeting with the Fire Chief and his officers

Chief Cooper requested a meeting with the Board to discuss where things stand with purchases and equipment for the Fire Department. Lattimer reported that of the 72 people who responded to the survey handed out at the meeting held at Turner Farm on August 18<sup>th</sup>, more people put improving the Fire Station at the top of the priority list than any other initiative — 29 for the Fire Station, with the airstrip at a close second at 25. The Board continues to engage with Peter Flewelling, representative from Essex Steel a manufacturer of prefabricated steel buildings. Mr. Flewelling provided a sketch for a

120' x 60' building that would include space for the ambulance and plow trucks. Lieutenant Stone noted the need to include a meeting space in any new building. The Town is waiting for a rough estimate of the price to erect that building. The Town will continue to explore various options and different contractors. The goal is to bring the question of constructing a new building to the Town's voters in March 2020.

Chief Cooper mentioned there is the possibility of obtaining a used pumper tanker from another town for about \$80,000 in the spring. Lieutenant Brown noted the truck is exactly the same as one of North Haven's existing trucks, so our firefighters would not have to learn a new vehicle. The Board and Chief Cooper discussed the need to house another fire truck whenever it is purchased. All agreed we should know more in the spring.

Lattimer noted he has made arrangements to transfer the 1937 Dodge fire truck to a secure storage facility in Owls Head in late October. He also noted that Knox County has a spare standby generator and switch North Haven will obtain at no cost and Rex Crockett is scheduled to pick it up in the next few days. Lattimer will talk with electrician Harold Cooper about installing the generator at the Fire Station to provide backup electricity for the furnace, doors, and lights.

Chief Cooper discussed the continued need to install dry hydrants around the island. Lattimer noted that the Grants said the Town could install one in their pond on North Shore Road. Lattimer will check with the Lamonts about installing one there and with the Neales about installing one on the outlet side of Fresh Pond. Lattimer will also talk with the Neales and Road Commissioner Brown about digging the weeds out of the outlet. Chief Cooper also asked to purchase new markers for the Town's hydrants. Lattimer said he would ask the Town Clerk to order the markers. Chief Cooper also mentioned the power lines are sparking from contact with tree limbs at various locations around the island. Lattimer said he will talk with Fox Island Electric about trimming back the trees.

Chief Cooper asked the Board why as an elected official with a voter-approved budget he had to submit his requests for purchases to the Select Board for approval. Lattimer noted that under the Town's purchasing policy the Fire Chief is authorized to spend \$2,000 per purchase without first talking with the Select Board. As to process, Lattimer is unsure but imagines the limitation is part of a checks-and-balances system. The Board said it would like Lattimer to review the policy, talk with Joe Stone to see what he might know about the policy's history, and get back to the Board and the Fire Chief.

**8. Other:** None

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:03 pm made by Lannon, seconded by Darling  
Approved 3-0-0**