

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
January 20, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Bill Trevaskis, Linda Darling, Jon Emerson, Merton Howard & Kat Alexander
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone
AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins
AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams
ALSO PRESENT: Laura Mewa

1. Bill Trevaskis called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2015**
Made by Darling, seconded by Alexander **Approved 4-0-1**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

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

Warrant # 53	in the amount of	\$22,395.03
Warrant # 53-A	in the amount of	\$827.13
Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$167,442.31
Warrant # 2-A	in the amount of	\$9,259.34
Payroll Warrant # 1	in the amount of	\$20,757.68
Payroll Warrant # 1-A	in the amount of	\$3,307.43
Sewer Warrant # 1	in the amount of	\$14,526.32
Water Warrant # 1	in the amount of	\$18,246.36
Warrant # 3	in the amount of	\$14,263.59
Warrant # 3-A	in the amount of	\$1,842.49
Payroll Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$1,025.40
Water Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$2,570.80
Sewer Warrant # 2	in the amount of	\$2,235.87

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants & Payroll Journals (Warrant #53 et seq)
Made by Howard, seconded by Alexander **Approved 3-0-2**

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants & Payroll Journals (Warrant # 3 et seq)
Made by Howard, seconded by Alexander **Approved 5-0-0**

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. Reports:

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. Clinic staff has reported that the providers have submitted all necessary paperwork to the VA which would allow the Clinic to treat veterans as a kind of satellite facility. The VA has not yet confirmed.
2. Stone will be preparing new contracts for NPs Henning and Ferra.

ii. Sewer Department:

1. The DEP approved Assoc. Supt. Higgins' summary of completed and planned collection system work. Department personnel and Town Office staff will be meeting regularly starting 1/21 to discuss progress on collection system project.

iii. Water Department:

1. The required Public Hearing on the new rate case is scheduled for 1/29 at 5 at the WCC.

iv. Bartlett's Harbor

1. No update

v. Ferry Service

1. Although the first propane/passenger trip under the new rules on 1/17 reportedly went smoothly given the relatively small number of passengers and vehicles seeking transport, the Town plans vigorously to contest the USCG rules as unworkable when demand for both propane and transport soars in the summer.

vi. Legal

1. No update. Wolfram hearing scheduled for 3/4

vii. Town Properties

1. Clinic renovations may be on target for March. Selectmen recommended some planning meetings involving staff, contractor and the "clerk of the works".
2. Stone authorized new oil tank at Fire Department

viii. Watson Airstrip

1. Stone has asked Watson representative Blake Whitman to formalize a request for Town support of insurance premiums. He also requested that we obtain a qualified opinion on the necessity of overlapping insurance coverage from the Town, PIA and Watson family members.

b. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
1/6	School visit	Polky
1/7	Property checks	Polky
1/8	Agency assist	Polky

(The Sheriff's Department has been unable to email its reports since 1/8)

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

a. Rec Council

- i. Motion to accept with regret and thanks Gillian Thompson's resignation from the Rec Council**

Made by Alexander, seconded by Darling Approved 5-0-0

- ii.** Laura Mewa was present to seek advice on the future of the Rec Council. With Gillian's resignation, and with the announced intention by the other four members not to seek re-election, Mewa will be the only remaining member. Selectmen suggested she gather the retiring members for a brainstorming session, the goal of which might be to prioritize activities and to garner suggestions for new members. Meanwhile, Stone will ask Alicia Brown to forward a list of former Rec Council members to Laura who may be interested in re-joining or who may have other suggestions.

b. Water and Sewer

- i. Motion to approve Certificate of Commitment of Water User Rates i/a/o \$11,517.29**

Made by Emerson, seconded by Howard Approved 5-0-0

- ii. Motion to approve Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates i/a/o \$34,188.81**

Made by Emerson, seconded by Darling Approved 5-0-0

9. Other:

- a.** Trevaskis reported that Phil DesLauriers had gotten the float camera working again.
- b.** Selectmen reviewed the proposed Wages and Salaries which will be used to develop the 2015 Municipal Budget and were willing to recommend and support increases to the stipends for the vacant Animal Control Officer position, and for the Harbor Master positions, and to create a new assistant/associate C.E.O. position. They also supported a proposed 2.5% COLA and increasing the Town's contribution to Deferred Compensation from 3% to 6%. They will consider whether in the future the Town Administrator position should remain a part-time or a full time job.
- c.** Howard raised the question of the legal definition of a two unit residence for water and sewer billing purposes. Stone to investigate.

Motion to adjourn at 5:30

Made by Darling, seconded by Emerson

Approved 5-0-0