

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 9, 2020
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Linda Darling (Vice Chair), and Jeremiah MacDonald

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Alex Curtis, Patsy Lannon

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: David Almy (by telephone)

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2020**
Made by Darling, seconded by MacDonald Approved 3-0-0

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #46	in the amount of	\$25,480.78
Payroll Journal #46-A	in the amount of	\$4,404.15
Warrant #49	in the amount of	\$9,939.02
Warrant #49-A	in the amount of	\$12,011.39
Sewer Department Warrant #19	in the amount of	\$2,586.55
Water Department Warrant # 23	in the amount of	\$6,288.66
Water Department Warrant # 23-A	in the amount of	\$8,150.43
Journal Entries	in the amount of	\$11,471.48

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

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports**

a. Administrator:

- i. Clinic — Staffing set through January
- ii. Fire Department/EMS
 - Awaiting development of revised air ambulance regulations
- iii. Floats and Docks

- Thayer's Y-Knot Boatyard to repair the Thoroughfare ramp, possibly the week of December 14th - awaiting parts
- iv. Legal — Lattimer and Planning Board Chair, Pat Curtis intend to arrange a joint meeting of the Select Board and the Planning Board via Zoom.
- v. Roads & Bridges — The container for road chemicals will arrive on Thursday, December 10th. It cost \$3,190 delivered.
- vi. Sewer Department — Working with Olver Associates to install heated lines for sodium bisulfite, which is added to neutralize chlorine in the sewage tanks.
- vii. Sheriff's Department - No report; email from the County did not come through
- viii. Town Properties
 - The State may conduct a courtesy safety inspection of the Town's departments next spring.
- ix. Transfer Station — No update
- x. Water Department
 - Lattimer will work with the CEO to obtain a permit for the new shed at the Pumping Station
 - The Town received five proposals to paint the interior and exterior of the Standpipe; the Town needs additional time to evaluate them, so we have moved the award date to January 29, 2021

7. Old Business:

- a. *COVID-19 Update* — Lattimer summarized the situation in Town, noting that we have no new cases and everyone who was possibly exposed is now out of quarantine. In more formal terms, this means we have had 18 cases, all of which have resolved. The Clinic has the ability to test people who show symptoms or may have been exposed, as well as part of the screening protocol for patients who have upcoming surgical procedures scheduled on the mainland.
- b. *Holiday Lights* — The Town is ready to purchase new commercial-grade LED lights for \$3,136 delivered. Lattimer has asked the line crew at Fox Islands Electric Cooperative to look at the specifications for the lights to make sure they are not too heavy and can be installed using the current hooks and poles.

8. New Business

- a. *Thermal Imaging Camera*— Fire Chief Cooper responded to the Board's questions and found a better price on the camera - a demonstration model with no previous exposure to a fire, a five-year warranty, a laser rangefinder, and a truck mount for \$4,500.

Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to purchase a new thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,500

Made by MacDonald, seconded by Darling

Approved 3-0-0

- b. *Skating Rink* — The Recreation Council recommends the Board authorize the Town to purchase a 52 x 104 foot skating rink that could be temporarily installed on the ball field during the winter months. The rink would cost \$5,607 and would be purchased out of the Recreation Council's budget. Lattimer noted that the North Haven Baptist Church owns the ball field and leases its use to the Town for \$1 per year. David Macy, as Pastor of the Church, endorses the idea of a temporary skating rink, but is concerned about liability. Lattimer has asked the Town's insurer about the rink and whether the Town could indemnify and hold the Church harmless from any claims; he is awaiting an answer.

The Board discussed the idea of a rink and noted the virus is worsening in the State and has created such uncertainty that now may not be the time to purchase and erect a skating rink. Board members also noted that the island has several ponds on which people can skate, provided the weather cooperates. After discussion, the Board decided to table the issue.

9. Other

- Demmons noted that Fox Islands Electric Cooperative (FEIC) has to send linemen from Vinalhaven to North Haven whenever a power outage occurs. He is wondering whether FEIC could train people to become linemen on North Haven through some type of incentive and apprenticeship arrangement.
- Darling suggested sending flowers from the Town to Elliott Brown, our Road Commissioner, who has been hospitalized. Lattimer said he would take care of it.

10. Adjournment — Motion to adjourn at 4:28 pm made by Darling, seconded by MacDonald
Approved 3-0-0