

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
February 23, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Bill Trevaskis, Linda Darling, Jon Emerson & Stacy Beverage
SELECTMAN ABSENT: Kat Alexander
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone
AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins
AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams
ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Rob Potter
Kevin Waters (by teleconference)

1. Bill Trevaskis called the Meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2016**
Made by Emerson, seconded by Darling **Approved 4-0-0**
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

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

Warrant # 8	in the amount of	\$14,632.88
Warrant # 8-A	in the amount of	\$16,402.71
Payroll Warrant # 7	in the amount of	\$22,568.07
Payroll Warrant # 7-A	in the amount of	\$3,439.20
Water Warrant # 4	in the amount of	\$1,636.41
Sewer Warrant # 4	in the amount of	\$2,378.90

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Beverage, seconded by Darling **Approved 4-0-0**

5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic
 1. Joe Sorbello and Lise Desjardins are acting as locums this week.
 - ii. Sewer Department:
 1. See § 7 (b) below
 2. We have requested an update from Olver Assocs.
 - iii. DEP/DMR:
 1. No update
 - iv. Water Department:
 1. No update

- v. Bartlett’s Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- vi. Ferry Service
 - 1. Although there were no further updates on details of lockbox installation or obtaining TWIC cards for couriers on island and mainland sides of transport, Board asked Stone to get in touch with MSFS Manager John Anders and keep the dialog going on the details of implementation.
- vii. Watson Airstrip
 - 1. See below § 7 (a).
- viii. Legal
 - 1. Attorney Paul Gibbons is attempting to learn why it has taken so long (almost a year) for the KC Superior Court to make a decision on the Nebo/Wolfram issue. No further update.
- ix. Floats & Docks
 - 1. Draft of potential new ordinance has been circulated to Board of Selectmen and Harbor Masters for comment and review (no update)
- x. Roads & Bridges:
 - 1. No update.
- xi. EMA
 - 1. Follow-up on EMA initiative should begin as soon as budget/town report project is completed

b. Sheriff’s Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
2/16	Alarm	Polky

7. Old Business:

a. *Norfam/Watson*

- i. Kevin Waters participated by teleconference in the Board’s discussion of the key provisions of the latest iteration of the new Agreement between the Town and Norfam on the use of the airstrip. Stone had previously identified provisions for the Board and for Waters that needed further discussion, which were either additions to, or different from, the previous draft. Among them:
 - 1. A definition of *Bona Fide Medical Emergency* which is more restrictive than the simple definition in the previous draft and clearly does not understand the actual logistics of the EMTs’ response to a medical emergency.
 - 2. A new paragraph which includes troubling language requiring the Town to “disallow” use of the airstrip except as permitted in the rest of the Agreement. As the Town neither operates nor polices the Airstrip, this language seems to add an arbitrary liability to the Town.
 - 3. In consultation with Waters, the Board remains puzzled by the Agreement’s provision that winter flights cannot commence before 7:30 AM. Conversation between the Board and Waters widened to dispute another provision of the Agreement which both the Board and Stone had been led to believe was settled, namely, that the maximum number of 20 flights a week was acceptable to Waters. It now appears that the Town will need to negotiate more latitude on this number.
 - 4. The provision on “training flights” seems to belong only in an agreement between Penobscot Island Air and Norfam. Without competence or the

capacity to police this provision, the Town is simply forced to accept a liability.

- ii. Select Board and Waters will review the draft once again with any further suggestions, after which Stone will send proposed emendations to Norfam's representative.
- b. *Sewer Department*
 - i. Stone reported that there had been no response from the Main St. property owner to disconnect the illegal hookup of a yard drain to the sanitary sewer. Board concurred that it was time to impose the fines authorized by the ordinance.

Motion to impose fine of \$25/day on Parrish House, Inc. commencing March 7; the fine to increase to \$50/day commencing March 21; the fine to increase to \$75/day commencing March 28, and to the maximum of \$100/day permitted by the ordinance beginning April 4 and continuing until the drain is disconnected

Made by Emerson, seconded by Darling

Approved 4-0-0

- c. *Search Committee*
 - i. Darling reported on the Committee's progress in identifying at least one candidate for each open position. The Committee, armed with some Board suggestions, will continue to approach potential candidates for the remaining openings in the slate.

8. New Business:

a. *Sheriff's Department*

- i. Deputy Rob Potter had asked to be present to discuss an option to make his transportation from Vinalhaven more reliable when he needs to respond to a police emergency on North Haven. He had proposed that the Town purchase a dedicated skiff for the purpose. The Board debated the pros and cons, mostly logistical, of maintenance and reliability without concluding to proceed or decline. The merits of setting up an on-call system for potential transporters was discussed and began to seem to be a better approach to what the Board concurred was a real problem needing a solution.

9. Other:

- a. *LD 1586 – An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee* Stone reported that in reaction to an alert from MMA's Garrett Corbin, he had emailed testimony to the Judiciary Committee to consider at its 2-24 hearing on LD 1586, one of whose provisions would restrict Select Board members from participating by teleconference, a practice on which the North Haven Board has come to depend. At Corbin's suggestion, Stone shared the alert with Vinalhaven, Islesboro and Matinicus.

Motion to adjourn at 5:45 PM

Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage

Approved 4-0-0