

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
Board of Selectmen
February 9, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Bill Trevaskis, Linda Darling, Jon Emerson by teleconference, Kat Alexander & Stacy Beverage

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Joe Stone

AVAILABLE: TAX COLLECTOR, Janice Hopkins

AVAILABLE: TREASURER, Joette Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Christie Hallowell, Tammy Brown

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

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of February 2, 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:
- b. Review of Journal Entries

Warrant # 6	in the amount of	\$6,366.61
Warrant # 6-A	in the amount of	\$8,926.96
Payroll Warrant # 5	in the amount of	\$20,028.39
Payroll Warrant # 5-A	in the amount of	\$3,230.80
Water Warrant # 3	in the amount of	\$1,385.14
Sewer Warrant # 3	in the amount of	\$1,926.23

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries
Made by Darling, seconded by Alexander

Approved 4-0-1

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports:**

a. Administrator:

i. Clinic

1. No update

ii. Sewer Department:

1. Department has notified Main St. property owner that she has until 1/31 to arrange for disconnection of yard drain from sanitary sewer. USPS receipt has been returned, signed (no update)

- iii. DEP/DMR:
 - 1. No update
- iv. Water Department:
 - 1. No update
- v. Bartlett's Harbor
 - 1. No update.
- vi. Ferry Service
 - 1. See § 7 (a) below
- vii. Watson Airstrip
 - 1. We have received the amended agreement and are reviewing it. (no update)
- viii. Legal
 - 1. Nebo/Wolfram case (no 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
- xii. Budget Committee
 - 1. Meetings are underway

b. Sheriff's Dept:

Date	Incident	Deputy
2/4	Property checks, well being checks, agency assist	Hills
2/5	School visit, traffic hazard, utility problem, property checks	Hills
2/6	Traffic detail	Hills

7. Old Business:

a. *Ferry Service*

- i. Emerson called in from Augusta where a meeting in which he had participated had just ended. It had included representatives of the MSFS, MDOT and USCG. Emerson reported that an agreement had been reached on most details of a procedure to resume the unaccompanied transportation of diagnostic patient specimens from the Clinic. The main points of the agreement are a requirement that the specimen container be delivered to a lockbox on the ferry by a person who has a TWIC card as will the individual who retrieves the container in Rockland. The lockbox will need a combination lock. It can be located anywhere that is convenient on the vessel. What has not been worked out yet is who will pay for the lockbox and whether the entire fleet will be equipped with them, so that patient specimens can still be carried when substitute vessels are in use. The MSFS also apparently agreed on a policy to provide tickets five days a week for anyone who was transporting a container in the meantime.

8. New Business:

a. Board of Assessors

- i.** Chair Christie Hallowell and Assessors' Agent Tammy Brown were present to describe the Board's intention to hire Murphy Appraisal Services to oversee a so-called in-house revaluation. The Board has begun to accumulate sufficient data in the form of actual sales to embark on a formal revaluation process. The initiative was prompted by apparent changes in the value of shorefront properties on the island, a number of which have sold for significantly less than their assessed values. In 2014, the assessors had lowered shorefront values by 5% and in 2015 by 10%. They anticipate a further lowering of assessed value in the shorefront category after revaluation. The revaluation however will consider all property types and values. The effect of revaluation on one or several categories of property often results in a partial redistribution of the tax burden to other categories of property. The assessors' statutory mandate is to make sure that assessments are as accurate and equitable as possible so that the municipal tax burden is shared fairly.

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM

Made by Darling, seconded by Beverage

Approved 5-0-0