

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**MARCH 3, 2021**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Linda Darling (Vice Chair – by phone), Alex Curtis, Patsy Lannon, and Jeremiah MacDonald

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: David Almy (by phone)

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:05 pm
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2021**  
**Made by Lannon, seconded by MacDonald      Approved 4-0-1** (Darling abstained)

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #8	in the amount of	\$25,707.32
Payroll Journal #8-A	in the amount of	\$5,054.15
Warrant #8	in the amount of	\$13,217.98
Warrant #8-A	in the amount of	\$17,739.00

**Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries**  
**Made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon      Approved 5-0-0**

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Reports**

- a. Administrator:
  - i. Clinic — See COVID-19 update, below
  - ii. Fire Department/EMS
    - Working on getting a hot water sink into the building
  - iii. Floats and Docks — No update
  - 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 — No update
  - vi. Sewer Department — No update
  - vii. Sheriff's Department

<b>Date</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Deputy</b>
2.25.21	Radar detail	Lemoi
2.25.21	Traffic offense	Lemoi
2.25.21	Traffic stop	Lemoi
2.27.21	911 hang-up	Davis
2.28.21	911 hang-up	Palmer
3.1.21	Property damage - accident	Lemoi
3.2.21	Agency assist	Lemoi
3.2.21	Utility problem (x 2)	Lemoi
3.2.21	Radar detail	Lemoi

viii. Town Properties

- The State may conduct a courtesy safety inspection of the Town’s departments this fall

ix. Transfer Station — None

x. Water Department

- Lattimer is working on a contract with Marcel Payeur, whom the Board selected to paint the standpipe
- Working to obtain a permit for the new shed at the Pumping Station

**7. Old Business:**

- a. *COVID-19 Update* — No new cases have been reported on the island. The nurse practitioners urge everyone to continue to be vigilant, as the number of new cases across the State continues to climb. 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.

EMS Chief Erin Cooper and the Clinic continue to coordinate with Maine CDC to bring vaccinations to the island. Consistent with the State’s priorities, first responders, healthcare workers, and residential care facilities are at the top of the list. Any extra doses are distributed to people aged 70 and above. At this point, approximately 30 percent of people in town have received their first dose of the vaccine and 11 percent have received both doses. Additional shots will be administered this weekend.

- b. *Fire Chief Search* — Chris Stone has agreed to serve as Fire Chief starting in April.

**8. New Business**

- a. *Draft Ambulance Billing Ordinance* — The Town has been investigating the ways that other communities charge for ambulances services. Currently, the Town does not charge. Instead, we use tax revenues to pay not only the cost of the EMS crew and nurse practitioner, but also the cost of emergency air, ferry, or lobster boat transportation. The Town then bills the patient for these additional expenses:

ferry - \$1,000, PIA flight - \$840, lobster boat – about \$600. Often the patient’s insurance company will not pay because the company does not recognize the fee as a legitimate medical expense. Without insurance reimbursement, patients often cannot afford to pay the Town for this transportation and the Town absorbs the loss. Having an ambulance ordinance with reasonable fees would increase the likelihood of patients recovering from their insurance companies. The ordinance would not change the way our EMS crew responds; patients will receive care regardless of their ability to pay. Under the draft ordinance, a regular ambulance call would cost \$350. Emergency trips (as noted above) would be an added cost.

**Motion to approve the placement of the draft ambulance billing ordinance on the 2021 Town Warrant made by Demmons, seconded by MacDonald  
Approved 5-0-0**

- b. *2021 Town Warrant* — Lattimer reviewed the draft Town Warrant with the Select Board.

**Motion to approve the 2021 Town Warrant made by Demmons, seconded by Lannon  
Approved 5-0-0**

**9. Other** – MacDonald mentioned three items:

- The Streetlight at the intersection of Sleepyville Road and Iron Point Road (near Aunt Ruthie’s) appears to be out. Lattimer is meeting with Amy Watson, General Manager of Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, next week and will talk with her about this and other streetlights.
- The wires at the end of Waterman Lane have not been placed on the new poles. Lattimer will talk about this with Amy Watson too.
- Does the Town plan to solicit bids for cemetery mowing soon? Lattimer explained that Harold Cooper agreed to include one mowing before Memorial Day in his contract for last year. In the meantime, the Town will solicit bids for the 2021-22 mowing season. People will be able to bid to mow one, two, or all three cemeteries.

**10.** None

**11. Adjournment** — **Motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm made by MacDonald, seconded by Lannon  
Approved 5-0-0**