

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN
SELECT BOARD
MARCH 5, 2019
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Alex Curtis

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

1. Demmons called the Meeting to order at 4:05 PM at the Fire Station
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2019**
Made by MacDonald, seconded by White Approved 3-0-1 (Demmons abstained)
3. **Public Comment** — None
4. **Treasurer's Report**

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

Payroll Journal #9	in the amount of	\$22,508.20
Payroll Journal #9-A	in the amount of	\$3,966.95
Warrant #9	in the amount of	\$6,949.50
Warrant # 9-A	in the amount of	\$14,090.00

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

5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Administrator:
 - i. Clinic —None
 - ii. Fire Department/EMS
— The Board discussed the Fire Department, equipment, training, and the Fire Station with the Fire Chief and his officers
 - iii. Floats and Docks — None
 - iv. Legal – None
 - v. Roads & Bridges — None
 - vi. Sewer Department — None
 - vii. Sheriff's Department
Incident reports

Date	Incident	Deputy
2/26	Traffic stop	Landers
2/26	Property check	Landers

- viii. Town Properties — The Town House needs some roof shingles replaced
- ix. Transfer Station — None
- x. Water Department — None

7. Old Business:

- a. *Airstrip*: The Town staff is continuing to develop options for the Board’s preliminary review.

8. New Business:

- a. *Fire Department* — Fire Chief Cooper outlined his priorities. These include purchasing a brush truck that is capable of accessing areas of the island that our current trucks cannot reach, purchasing a tanker truck to replace the current seasonal tanker (Ford 8000 parked outside the building), obtaining a standby generator to power the station in emergencies, and purchasing new turn-out gear for the firefighters. Chief Cooper also mentioned there is a meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 16th with officers of Vinalhaven’s Fire Department, to discuss the possibility of supporting each other and training together. In addition to these priorities, Chief Cooper discussed the need to ensure younger people join the Department and receive appropriate training.

Following Chief Cooper’s remarks, the Board discussed ways to finance these requests. Aaron Cabot suggested a real estate transfer tax, similar to Nantucket’s Land Bank program. Others suggested a tax or fee on summer rentals on the island. Jerry White noted the Town should follow up on its insurance rating and see if there is a way to quantify how improved firefighting capabilities would reduce property insurance premiums.

Chief Cooper and the Board also discussed engaging the Town’s residents — both seasonal and year-round — in understanding and supporting the Fire Department. This discussion included holding open houses at the Fire Station, fundraising, and offering to bring fire trucks to people’s houses to highlight any access issues.

The Board next discussed the need to modernize the Fire Station. The Board directed Lattimer to find a firm to help scope a replacement building that could serve as a Fire Station/Public Works Building, and include an apartment for the Knox County Deputy Sheriff assigned to Town. The process would be: (1) determine the scope of the building; (2) determine where to locate it; (3) determine the approximate cost; and (4) engage the Town’s voters to determine if there is support for a new building.

9. **Board Member Comments:** None
10. **Motion to adjourn at 6:10 made by Darling, seconded by MacDonald**
Approved 4-0-0