

**TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**MAY 21, 2019**  
**4:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Darling (Vice Chair), Alex Curtis, and Jeremiah MacDonald  
BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Jon Demmons (Chair), Patsy Lannon  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Rick Lattimer

1. Darling called the Meeting to order at 4:30 pm

The Board began the meeting with a tour of the Town's Sewage Treatment Plant.  
The Board arrived at the Town Office at 5:15.

2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2019**  
**Made by Curtis, 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 #17	in the amount of	\$1,323.00
Warrant #18	in the amount of	\$178,695.48
Warrant #18-A	in the amount of	\$10,843.49
Sewer Department Warrant #11	in the amount of	\$3,945.38
Water Department Warrant #11	in the amount of	\$8,004.35

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

5. **Correspondence:**

- Adam and Kat Alexander notified the Town that they no longer wish to continue leasing their house on upper Smith Street to the Town for the Knox County Sheriff's Deputy. The lease expires in June.
- Nan Lee prepared a packet of materials to educate the Board about the dangers of certain pesticides and plans to speak to the Board at a future date about the possibility of discouraging/banning those pesticides on North Haven

**6. Reports:**

a. Administrator:

- i. Clinic — None
- ii. Fire Department/EMS — The Board will meet at the Fire Station at 4:30 on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Chris Champagne from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles will talk with the Select Board about the Fire Department's vehicles.
- iii. Floats and Docks — Lattimer attended a meeting in Rockland with Maine Geologic Survey, Maine Coastal Program, and John Wood Group, PLC, an international engineering firm with an office in Portland. The purpose of the meeting was to kick off Maine Coastal Program's resiliency study, a study of the impacts of sea level rise on ten sites in Penobscot Bay. North Haven's site is currently the Pulpit Harbor pier, but after gaining a better appreciation of the resiliency study's purpose, Lattimer recommended working with both the State and Wood to look at the impact of sea level rise on North Haven's working waterfront more generally. Additionally, Curtis noted that he met someone during a recent conference at the Island Institute who specializes in grant writing for municipalities
- iv. Legal – George and Martha Neale have offered to donate shore land on Fresh Pond to the Town. Tammy Brown is working with the Town's attorney to determine the best way to proceed.
- v. Roads & Bridges — Lattimer met with Road Commissioner Brown and reported that spring road work is underway
- vi. Sewer Department — (See below under New Business)
- vii. Sheriff's Department — The Deputy Sheriff is working on the required investigation of the recent death in town
- viii. Town Properties — Property Manager vacancy announcement posted
- ix. Transfer Station — Lattimer is following up with Peter Cooper on ways to reduce the solid waste at the Station, to include possible use of the Island Transporter
- x. Water Department — None

**7. Old Business:**

- a. *Airstrip*: Gartley & Dorsky provided rough estimates of cut and fill information concerning the alternative airstrip locations, as well as a rough cost estimate.
- b. *Ferry Service*:
  - i. Emergency Trips: Lattimer sent an email to the MSFS asking for more detail on the emergency trip for the crewmember and to develop a protocol for notifying North Haven's first responders whenever the ferry is unavailable for transporting an emergency patient. He plans to meet with Mark Higgins next week.

- ii. Ferry Rate Structure: Written comments on the proposed 17% increase in ferry ticket prices are due to the DOT Commissioner by Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Lattimer and the Town's Ferry Service Advisory Board members, Jon Emerson and Lisa Shields, will draft a letter for the Select Board's consideration.
- iii. Parking in the Rockland Ferry Line: Emerson, Shields, and Lattimer will draft alternate language to address how the Ferry Service might deal more appropriately with the prohibition about parking a car in line

**8. New Business:**

- a. *Sewage Treatment Plant Tour* — Harold Cooper and Scott Higgins gave the Select Board a tour of the facility and explained its operation.
- b. *School Board Appointments* — Both Justin Grant and Cecily Pingree were present to discuss their interest in having the Board appoint them to the School Board following Heather Cabot's resignation. Each was given an opportunity to make remarks to the Board.

Grant: Grant noted that he has both educational and budgetary concerns about the school. Regarding academics, he would like to see more emphasis and greater offerings for mathematics and science courses. With 59 students, the current budget of \$2.2 million is too large. He would ask the School Board to consider consolidating middle school and high school in order to increase class sizes and perhaps reduce the number of teachers required. He also noted that he would like to see more opportunities in the way of potential friends and athletics. When asked about enrolling his children in Vinalhaven's school, he noted that Vinalhaven is having its own difficulties with education.

Pingree: Pingree noted she is involved and concerned about the school. She understands that charting a course for the school and prioritizing resources is difficult when the community is uncertain about the number of students who will be enrolled. She would like to offer the students more opportunities and emphasized working with other institutions such as Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership. Pingree noted she is not sure what she would change at this point, but noted that people in town are concerned about the school's future because the school is such a necessary part of keeping the town alive. She would support the school's great teachers, think outside the box, and work to retain and attract students.

Following these remarks, Kat Alexander noted that she admired both candidates for their willingness to step up and serve. She noted that she has known Pingree

for 20 years. Pingree is trustworthy, willing to listen, and has unwavering interest in supporting the community.

After Alexander's remarks, the Board discussed whether to make a decision with just three members present or to table the matter until the full Board is available. The Board decided to table the matter.

- c. *Summer Board Meetings* — The Board tabled a discussion of changing its meeting schedule for the summer until all five Board members are present

**9. Other** — None

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:04 pm made by MacDonald seconded by Curtis  
Approved 3-0-0**