

NORTH HAVEN SELECT BOARD

MAY 1, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: JEREMIAH MACDONALD, JACQUELINE CURTIS, SCOT BARIBEAU, AMILIA CAMPBELL

ABSENT: JOSEPHINE JACKSON, Rick Lattimer

ALSO PRESENT: TAMMY BROWN, JOETTE DEBLOIS. Becky Bartovics and CECILY PINGREE WERE PRESENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

1. Called to Order 5:00 pm

2. Public Comment

- a. **Cecily Pingree brought up the water quality in the thorofare and shellfish harvesting closures in the area. She has been in touch with someone from DMR and would like the Board to start thinking about a plan to identify the source of the contamination and develop a plan to address it. This would be a long-term project with little cost to begin with but would take some time and manpower. The Board agreed that it's a problem and would like to set up an initial zoom meeting with Cecily's contact from DMR and go from there.**

3. Treasurer's Report - Approval of Bills, Payroll Journals, Warrants, and Journal Entries

Warrant #13	in the amount of	\$24,864.82
Warrant #13-A	in the amount of	\$39,168.56
Warrant #14	in the amount of	\$14,364.24
Warrant #14-A	in the amount of	\$412.71
Sewer Department Warrant #9	in the amount of	\$32,289.46
Water Department Warrant #9	in the amount of	\$37,836.96
Payroll Journal #15	in the amount of	\$29,247.23
Payroll Journal #15A	in the amount of	\$8,260.93
Payroll Journal #16	in the amount of	\$782.34

Motion to approve bills, warrants, and payroll journals made by Baribeau, seconded by Curtis.
Approved 4-0-0

4. Correspondence – Islesboro Select Board Letter (see New Business, below)

5. Old Business

- a. *Underage Drinking*
One or two board members to meet with school staff next week to design a plan regarding best way to moving forward.
- b. *Community Priorities Update*
 - *No update*
- c. *Thorofare Waterfront Project Update*
No update
- d. *Select Board Workshop Planning & Schedule*
Will plan to have a workshop on the 22nd to talk about transportation and Pulpit Harbor

6. **New Business**

- a. *Portable Solar-Powered EV Charging Station – Becky Bartovics*
Bartovics gave the board information on a portable solar powered electric car charging station. The cost of the particular one she found was about \$50,000 but there are other brands/models. The board will look into it for the future.
- b. *Offshore Wind Project – Islesboro Letter – Becky Bartovics*
Bartovics urged the board to back Islesboro in their attempt to persuade the state to change the planned location of the offshore wind project headquarters from Sears Island to Mack Point. Sears island is 900 acres and is the largest undeveloped island in Maine. The project would use 600 acres. Mack point, in contrast, is already developed with a tank farm. The board will contact Vinalhaven in hopes of attending their planned meeting with someone from Islesboro to get more information on the project before moving forward. They would also like to hear from the State about their reason for picking one location over the other.
- c. *Town Budget, Assessment, Valuation, and Taxes – Treasurer Joette DeBlois and Assessor’s Agent Tammy Brown*
Assessor’s Agent Brown gave a presentation on how the tax commitment is figured, how properties are assessed, and how she figures in the school part of the assessment. Treasurer DeBlois talked about how the municipal budget fits into the process and urged the board to always ask themselves three questions when talking about a new project: Is there a cost? If yes, is it already in the budget? If not, is it an emergency or can they make plans to move forward at a later date (if at all). She also would like to have each ‘department head’ put a plan into place for equipment purchases and other expenses so they can go into the budget process with more information on what they need for that year. She would also like them to present their budgets to the budget committee each year so they can talk about their needs and answer any questions.

- d. *Approval of EMS officers.
Motion to approve the following EMS officers made by Curtis, seconded by Baribeau:
Lieutenant: Nicholas Koster and Dave Macy
Facilities and Equipment Chief: Todd Martin
Administrative Chief: Courtney Naliboff*
- Approved 4-0-0*

7. Other

Curtis asked if the RFP for the Transfer Station roof and the Town office roof had been written.

Curtis asked about the Children playing signs. Deblois responded she had ordered 4 but they hadn't arrived yet.

Curtis would like to touch base with someone from the Medical Services Board to talk about the office position and office fill-in position at the clinic.

Curtis would like to have the meeting minutes sooner, preferably by the Monday after a meeting in order to have more time to review them.

Campbell mentioned that pedestrian access to ferry landing beach was difficult since the major winter/spring storms and tides. The board will look into getting a permit to build some wooden steps to make it easier to access.

Campbell asked if there was an update on the solar powered flashing school zone signs. Curtis thought the school was waiting for their budget to be approved. They will purchase one sign and the town will purchase the other. Each is about \$2500.

Campbell asked about the speed limit and parking downtown. The board wants to make sure emergency vehicles can safely pass between parked vehicles. They will ask the road commissioner to come to a meeting in May to discuss options.

Treasurer Deblois reminded the board they were going to have the road crew do some temporary fixes to the main street wall before summer. The board agrees it should be done before Memorial Day.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:10pm made by Baribeau, seconded by MacDonald.

Approved 4-0-0