

**NORTH HAVEN SELECT BOARD
JULY 19, 2023
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremiah MacDonald, Bruce Gilman (left at 6:15), Amilia Campbell, Jacqueline Curtis, and Scot Baribeau

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Joette DeBlois, Liza Waterman, Angela Martin, Aaron Cabot, Deputy Josh Lemoi

1. Call to Order 5:08 pm

2. Public Comment- None

3. Treasurer's Report

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

Warrant #25	in the amount of	648,422.07
Warrant #25-A	in the amount of	22031.82
Warrant #26	in the amount of	470,858.23
Warrant #26-A	in the amount of	14,992.36
Payroll Journal #27	in the amount of	24,863.30
Payroll Journal #28	in the amount of	30,195.29
Payroll Journal #28-A	in the amount of	6,957.76
Sewer Department Warrant #15	in the amount of	28,707.72
Water Department Warrant #16	in the amount of	33,570.33

Motion to approve Bills, Warrants, Payroll Journals and Journal Entries:

Made by Gilman, seconded by Curtis

Approved 5-0-0

4. Certificate of Commitment Water & Sewer User Rates

a. Water: \$15,745.55

Motion to approve Water User Rates

Made by Baribeau, seconded by Gilman

Approved 5-0-0

b. Sewer: \$35,243.40

Motion to approve Sewer User Rates

Made by Curtis, seconded by Gilman

Approved 5-0-0

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

- a. **Property Manager Update.** Liza Waterman was in for Property Manager Shields to update regarding the Community Building improvement project. Irishspan will begin to bring out materials in the next few weeks and will start the work in August. The fitness center will close while most of the work is being done. She will advertise those dates as soon as she knows. We also received a quote to add five windows to the project, two on either gable end, which will be able to open for ventilation, and one in the annex. The cost is \$4800, and they will install them and finish them from the outside and it will be up to the Town to cut through the interior wall and finish them off. Irishspan also reminded the Town that they are responsible for setting up a demo container and hiring an electrician. DeBlois will email her contact to get more clarification on what the electrician will have to do, and Shields will set up the demo container.

Motion to approve the addition of the windows for \$4800.00.

Made by Curtis, seconded by Gilman

Approved 5-0-0

- b. **Road Commissioner Update:** Road Commissioner Martin attended, as well as Aaron Cabot. The two Town jobs they have been working on are roadside mowing and grading of the Town owned dirt roads. Both projects are happening later than usual this year due to the excessive rain. The mowing is usually done twice a year but will likely only be done once because of the late start. The roads will be graded again in the fall. More labor and time intensive projects in the works are the replacements of culverts. The culvert on North Shore Road by Charlie Brown's Pond is among the more urgent ones. The pond has had high water levels due to not being dredged in recent years and not having a proper overflow where it is dammed up. The excess water has eroded the road under the pavement, causing it to be unstable and 'sink' over the past few years. The culvert needs to be enlarged and the road raised but both Martin and Cabot feel the pond needs to be addressed first. Campbell and Curtis will contact the property owner to discuss the issue. Martin and Cabot will work on a list of other culverts, based on urgency and will work with the Selectboard on scheduling and budgeting. Town Administrator Lattimer had mentioned earlier that he was hoping to get grant money to help. The Board will follow up with him regarding the timeline and feasibility of getting the grants. Cabot asked that the metal pile area at the Transfer Station be modified to make it easier to load the metal for transport off island. Another area of concern is the burn pile and the lack of supervision resulting in materials being dumped that are not suitable for burning. The only material that should be in the burn pile is brush. The Selectboard recognizes the need to eliminate the contamination and suggested a locked gate that would only be opened for loads that have been examined by Transfer Station personnel. This change will be included in the budget process as the change would result in more demolition material needing to be transferred off island.
- c. **Update on new Selectboard emails:** DeBlois set up new emails for the Selectboard members to use for any town-related business. The new emails will be added to the town's website.
7. **Other:** Deputy Lemoi was asked to come in and talk about various traffic and safety concerns and address any concerns he has regarding the same. Curtis passed on reports from two different parents regarding near misses on upper Main Street due to high speed. A few homeowners on that stretch will put up personal signs warning of children present but the

excessive speed still needs to be addressed. The state owns the portion of Main Street from Union Hall (former Grange Hall) to the bottom of Smith Street by Calderwood Hall. They base the speed limit on density. Lemoi will contact them to see if it's possible to lower the speed limit on that section. He also noted the lack of speed limit signs in many areas. He will identify what is needed and give the Town Office staff a list of signs to order.

Campbell brought up a safety concern at the 'triangle' just over first bridge where Pulpit Harbor Road turns on to North Shore Rd. There is already a yield sign at the corner coming from Pulpit Harbor but that doesn't address the issue of a driver turning left from North Shore Rd to Pulpit Harbor Road at the same time a driver tries to turn left after crossing the bridge. She suggested a three way stop sign but after discussion it was decided to change the existing yield sign to a stop sign and move the yield sign to North Shore Rd. as well as reduce the speed limit on first bridge.

Lemoi also mentioned the road closures for street dances. By law, he is the only one on the island who can approve the closures. He is also concerned about Emergency personnel being aware of any closures. He will write up a draft application for future events. The process will require a point of contact person who will be in charge of the physical blocking of the road, which will follow a specific timeline.

Several board members, as well as Lemoi, are also concerned with the amount of parking congestion which is resulting in very narrow passages between vehicles. The consensus is that Emergency vehicles would often not be able to get through some areas. Various areas of concern were identified, including both Mills St. and Mullin's Lane, as well as the stretch going past the Casino and Library. Deblois suggested Mill's and Mullin's remain one-way streets year-round instead of seasonally as there is often barely enough room to pass another vehicle. The Board will work with Lemoi to address the worst problem areas and find a solution.

Lemoi also recommended purchasing solar powered signs for the school zone which can be programmed to flash at certain times of the day.

- 8. Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, made by Baribeau, seconded by Curtis**
Approved 4-0-0