



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Immediately Following Special Town Meeting (5:00 PM)
TOWN OFFICE

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Jacob Thompson, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Eric Gasperini was absent.

Also present Peter Gasperini, Jim Knowlton, Elin Elisofon, Alexander Moffatt, and Jonathan Smith. Marion Grogan and Gabe McPhail attending virtually.

2. **Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant # 27** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #27. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – Add 9c. Community Action Grant and 9d. Water District M. O. U. – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – Elin Elisofon gave a report from the Housing Committee. They are to meet with the Planning Commission. Matt Jablonski has been working on a water and sewer map for density discussion as well as finding the average size for in-town lots. They are looking into weatherization and energy audit programs and grants. Elin has been in contact with other Land Trusts about other housing options. Pam asked about Habitat for Humanity.
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
 - a. **Harbor Master – Clarification on Harbor Ordinance** – Pete and Jim were present to request a revision to the Ordinance. Currently it states commercial fishing license holders or residents of Vinalhaven's outer islands are the only ones allowed to apply for a punt tie-up permit. They also suggest removing the permit number limit. There was discussion on where and how to find more space for tie-ups. Pete suggested one at the ferry and one to replace a damaged one at the Town parking lot. Adding two additional floats at the Ferry Terminal would require setting another piling for support. The floats at the Fish Plant will also need work. There was discussion on permits and the importance of knowing the owner of the boat. Permits would designate which float location and owner. There was a consensus of the Board to work to budget for three floats and repair one.
 - b. **Road Commissioner** – Andy reported that all the sand and salt has been delivered and is in the building. The quick-connect for the backhoe needs new pins so they'll be working with the regular bucket. The public works crew has made panels for the Galamander and will be installing those. The ballground did not get mowed so the ice isn't useable.

8. **Old Business** - None

9. **New Business**

- a. **Application for Funding to Island Institute for tidal/weather station** – Jonathan Smith was present to talk about the proposed station. He has agreed to dedicate (at least) the first year to maintenance, which he doesn't believe will be too extensive. He intends to create a manual to help others in the future, and also create a database for collecting history which will be crucial for SLR research. *Motion by Jacob Thompson to support and submit the grant application to the Island Institute. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Quitclaim Deed – Florice Young Heirs** – *Motion by Jacob Thompson to sign the quitclaim deed. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- c. **Community Action Grant** – The Board will review the resolution and take action at the next meeting.
- d. **Water District M. O. U.** – This outlines the responsibilities of the Town and the Water District as part of the downtown project. *Motion by Jacob Thompson to authorize Andrew Dorr to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Selectmen. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. **Report of Town Manager** – There was discussion on the budget timeline. It was agreed to have Town Meeting after graduation in June. There was discussion on the offshore wind project meetings (one taking place tonight 1/4/2022), comments are due January 7. The next meeting is January 18, 2022 and Andy will send the board a link to the zoom meeting. There was discussion on when to meet next. Because of the offshore wind meeting, it was agreed to meet Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5pm.

11. **Report of Members** – Pam Alley asked about finding a company to do the audit. Andy has a phone call in to a firm to do the FY21 audit. Donald asked if there had been any word from Spectrum and their willingness to work on Broadband. With other companies using federal and state funding they may be able to expand coverage. Kendra Jo Grindle with the Island Institute has also reached out again.

12. **Adjourn** - Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:34pm. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk