

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. **Roll Call** - Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phil Crossman, Pam Alley, and Jacob Thompson; and Town Manager Andrew Dorr. Donald Poole was absent.

Also attending virtually - Gabe McPhail, Matt Jablonski, Elin Elisofon, Yvonne Thomas, and Elizabeth Stanley.

2. **Approve Agenda** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

3. **Minutes - Approve the minutes from the December 22, 2020 meeting.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 3-0-1. Pam Alley abstained. Motion carried.*

4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #27** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #19. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

5. **Communications** – None

6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None

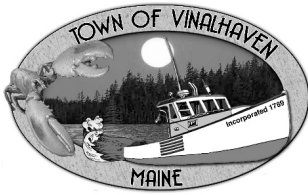
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**

- a. **Road Commissioners Report** - The board reviewed the Road Commissioners report.

- b. **Treasurer's Report** – Andy gave a quick overview of the first six months of the fiscal year.

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Portrait of a Graduate** - The team plans to have an update for the Board at the first meeting of every month. Communications are going out to the community very soon. There was discussion on how the Board's values and focus areas align with the POG program. The team asked the Board "What skills and knowledge would you want our



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students to have to be successful as future citizens of our local and global community?” Phil stated it was a great question that deserved consideration, and the Board agreed. Jake also said there is a body of knowledge that everyone should have but also take into consideration an individual’s interests.

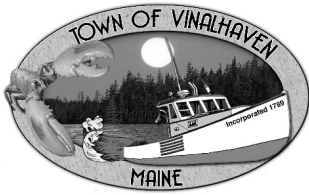
9. New Business

- a. **Foreclosed Property** - The piece was foreclosed on in February. Andy had sent another letter in September to try and make contact with the last owner of record. There are three options to discuss: place the lot out to bid (for sale), sell the property to IVC (who expressed interest in November), or retain the property for Town use (which could include leasing to another entity.) The board discussed the pros/cons of selling vs leasing to IVC. There was concern expressed that if this situation should arise again that another non-profit would expect the similar treatment. *Motion by Phil Crossman to lease the property for \$1 per year to Island Village Childcare. Second by Pam Alley.* Elizabeth Stanley was on the call and thanked for their consideration. She asked if leasing the property would affect their mortgage approval. The Board agreed that if leasing the property affected the mortgage the Board would revisit the agreement. *Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Town Parking Lot** - There was discussion on whether something should be done to close off the Town Parking Lot on Main Street at night. There continue to be complaints of noise at night. Phil thought that if the offenders were spoken to by the Board that it might have some impact. Jake said there was the chance it could also make matters worse. Pam said the Board has the responsibility to remedy problems but did not think it was up to the Selectmen to approach individuals.
- c. **Pope Humane Society Agreement** - This is an annual (with an option for a three-year agreement) agreement with the Humane Society that allows for animals to be brought over and held at the society until owners can be found. *Motion by Jacob Thompson to sign a three-year agreement with Pope Memorial Humane Society. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. Report of Town Manager – The Board reviewed the Town Manager’s memo. Budget prep continues, capital projects are being finalized, new ambulance billing started January 1st, and MMA conducted interviews on the Town’s COVID-19 response for their annual Federal Issues Paper.

11. Report of Members –

- a. Jake Thompson
 - i. Jake mentioned a black truck that has been parked between Robert’s Cemetery Road and East Boston Road that has no plates on it. It has been spotted other places around town.



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- ii. Jake also asked about trimming the tree on Arcola Lane that is very close to the roadway.
- b. Phil Crossman
 - i. asked about the prospects on rebuilding the launch ramp in the Town Parking Lot. The concrete pieces have deteriorated considerably. There was discussion on the SHIP grant or using the Harbor Reserve. Phil asked to begin the process of getting that repaired. Andy thought it would most likely be a replacement. It was asked if the engineers would need to be involved. It was agreed that Phil could speak with Kevin Moore about it.
 - ii. Phil asked about resolving the Blackington issue. Eric suggested putting an executive session on the next agenda to address the issue.
 - iii. Phil recalled the complaint of a vehicle that was left to run for upwards of 14 hours and asked if Maine had an idle law. Andy said he just learned of the law and will look into it.

Elin Elisofon joined the call and asked to speak on behalf of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission needs the Housing Committee reconvened to complete some issues they are tasked with. Eric said that if Elin knew of members that wanted to be on the Housing Committee to bring them to the Selectmen and they can be appointed to the committee. Elin would also like assistance from either Gabe or Matt on organizing these committees as there are a lot of components and she is asking for the Town's support. The Board could not speak for Gabe or Matt, but Andy will speak with them and see what can be offered.

12. **Adjourn** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 6:28pm. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk