



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 30th, 2021
Immediately Following Special Town Meeting (5:00 PM)
TOWN OFFICE

1. **Roll Call:** Selectmen Donald Poole, Eric Gasperini, Pam Alley, Jacob Thompson, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager, Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk, Elizabeth Bunker.
Also present: Barb Philbrook, Linnell Mather, George Kendrick, Kay Kendrick, Marjorie Stratton, Elin Elisofon, Alexander Moffat, Lisa Lewis, and Darline Beckman.
2. **Minutes – Approve the minutes from the November 9th, 2021 Meetings** - *Motion by Jake Thompson to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrants # 22** - *Motion by Donald Poole to sign and approve Treasurer’s Warrant #22. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – Insert Executive Session pursuant to a Legal Matter 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E). This becomes #5, all others are renumbered accordingly. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Executive Session – 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) pursuant to a legal matter** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into executive session. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion to come out of executive session by Jake Thompson. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. Eric Gasperini stated the Board accepts the stipulated final judgement and order between the Town of Vinalhaven and Dana Blackington.

6. **Communications**
 - a. **Knox Co Community Justice Hub** - Andy shared information on the Restorative Justice Project and three workshops coming up if any of the Board would like to attend.
7. **Speakers from the Floor** - Alexander Moffat wanted to encourage the Board to not give up on the ordinances that were voted down, and to see them corrected and brought up again soon.
8. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - a. **Appointment to the Lanes Island Stewardship Committee** - *Motion by Jake Thompson to appoint Dotty Tasillo to the Lanes Island Stewardship Committee for a term of one year (6/2022). Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Housing Report** – Elin Elisofon was present at the meeting to review the Housing Committee Report and Executive Summary. The Committee would like to review the zoning ordinance, work towards an energy audit (possibly with Penquis), and to review Town owned land and Land Trust land to see if they could be appropriate for housing options. Donald asked what is considered “affordable.” Elin’s understanding is that it is a percentage of income. The Committee is also researching tiny homes, pre-fab, conversion units, and mixed income options. Elin asked about scheduling a public meeting to discuss results of the housing survey. Eric thought it would be just as beneficial to post a summary in place around town and

encourage people to view the entire summary online. If a public meeting was deemed appropriate, a zoom meeting was suggested as more people attending virtually than publicly.

9. Old Business

- a. **Indian Creek Footbridge Lease** – Discussions with Earl Hamilton have yielded the suggestion to open the footbridge for limited periods of time. Earl suggests October 15-December 15 and April 15-June 15. Kay Kendrick asked if it was possible to just block the end that abuts Earl's property so that people may at least walk onto the bridge to enjoy the view. It was agreed to discuss this with Earl. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize Andy Dorr to sign the amended lease with Earl Hamilton for the Indian Creek Footbridge. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. New Business - None

- 11. Report of Town Manager** - Engineers will be on island tomorrow (Thursday, 12/1) to look at the Public Safety Building (redesign to allow for longer trucks and possible apartment above). They will also look at the Net Factory/former Public Works building for possible use during the Downtown Project. There are still several open positions. As of this afternoon there had been one application.

- 12. Report of Members** - Eric asked that Ordinance Review be placed on the next agenda. There was a consensus of the Board to meet on December 14, 2021 at 5:00pm for a regular meeting.

- 13. Adjourn** – *Motion by Jake Thompson to adjourn at 6:24. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk