



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

5:30 PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. **Roll Call** - Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Leslie Dyer, Eric Gasperini, and Jake Thompson; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker.
Also present: Will Calkins.
2. **Minutes** - Approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 Public Hearing, and regular BOS meetings. Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2021 meetings. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/1. Motion carried. Eric Gasperini abstained.
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurers Warrants #19** - *Motion by Donald Poole to approve and sign the Treasurers Warrants #19. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** - Add 7a.v. Sewer Commission and 7a.vi. Library Trustees. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
 - a. **Broadband Article** - Alexander Moffat sent an article from the Bangor Daily News to Andy to share with the Board. Maine is set to receive \$150M for broadband expansion and towns can apply to receive funds. There was discussion on contacting incumbent internet providers on island to see if they would be interested in partnering and grant options. It was requested that Andy look into the application process.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** - None

There was a consensus of the Board to take up items 9a and 9c at this time:

9a. Water District - Round Pond Guardrail - Given two recent accidents in the area of Folly Pond, Will Calkins is requesting a replacement and extension of the guardrail along Folly Pond (North Haven Road). There was discussion on options other than a metal guardrail and it was decided to put this into the upcoming budget considerations.

9c. Wastewater Pump Replacement - Authorize funds from Wastewater Reserve - A seal on the Main Street pump has started to fail. The pump is still running for now, but it will need attention ASAP. Will Calkins provided the Board with an updated estimate for this replacement and work on Leo's Lane (\$12,690). *Motion by Jake Thompson to authorize up to \$15,000 for the Main Street pump repair and Leo's Lane job from the Wastewater Reserve. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

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

a. **Appointments and Resignations**

- i. **Cemetery Committee** - Mike Bunker Jr. would like to be appointed to the Cemetery Committee. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Mike Bunker Jr. to the cemetery committee. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- ii. **Lane's Island Stewardship Committee** - Pam Grumbach and Janet Crossman would like to be appointed to the Lane's Island Stewardship Committee. *Motion by Jake*

Thompson to appoint Pam Grumbach and Janet Crossman to the committee. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

- iii. **Planning Commission** - David Wylie has resigned from the Planning Commission. *Motion by Jake Thompson to accept David Wylie's resignation. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- iv. **Waste Watchers** - Heather Swears would like to be appointed to the Waste Watchers committee. *Motion by Jake Thompson to appoint Heather Swears to committee. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- v. **Sewer Commission** - Tanya Robishaw has resigned from the Sewer Commission. *Motion by Jake Thompson to accept Tanya Robishaw's resignation. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- vi. **Library Trustees** - Maggie Olson has resigned from the Library Trustees. *Motion by Jake Thompson to accept Maggie Olson's resignation. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Planning Commission Report** - None
- c. **Road Commissioners Report** - Dan Bickford has resigned as Road Commissioner. Andy reported that the crew has been working to grade and calcium chloride Tip Toe Mountain Road. They are also getting trucks ready for the winter.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

- a. **Water District - Round Pond Guardrail** - See above
- b. **Fiscal Sponsor Request - Community Development Corporation** - The Community Development Corporation has received a start-up grant. Funds must be administered through a 501c3 or municipality and therefore are asking the Town to act as the fiscal sponsor. Gabe has talked with Debby, and they are comfortable with arrangement. *Motion by Jake Thompson for the Town to act as fiscal sponsor for the Community Development Corporations Maine Community Foundation grant funds. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- c. **Wastewater Pump Replacement - Authorize funds from Wastewater Reserve** - See above
- d. **Approve Special Town Meeting Warrant** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to set a Special Town Meeting to vote to enact the Emergency Management Ordinance, the Quarry Preservation Ordinance, and the Aircraft Launching and Landing Ordinance for November 30, 2021, at 5PM at the Vinalhaven Town Office. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

- 10. Report of Town Manager** - The Board reviewed Andy's Memo. There was discussion on contributions to Dallas Anthony's funeral service. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to donate \$100 to Eldercare in memory of Delly. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. Motion by Pam Alley to donate \$50 to help with the cost of food at Delly's funeral service. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Jake asked if there had been any return of information on comparable benefit packages and wages. Andy had only received a couple of responses.

There was discussion on the Road Commissioner and Road Forman job description and what a restructure would look like.

After the storm on Halloween, it is very apparent the culvert at Round Pond needs to be replaced. Andy reports 18" of water over the road.

Andy asked if the Board would review the Knox County Sheriff contract for any changes. The contract expires at the end of the year.

Marc and Pat are requesting the Board draft a letter to representatives encouraging renewed focus on the shortage of first responders in Maine.

The housing committee continues to meet. Their next meeting (Nov. 29) they will be talking with

Penquis.

11. Report of Members - None

12. Adjourn - *Motion to adjourn by Eric Gasperini at 6:48PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Upcoming Meetings:

November 30, 2021 - 5PM, Special Town Meeting with regular BOS immediately following.