



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Town Office, 5:00pm

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Eric Gasperini, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Jake Thompson arrived later. Also present: Darline Beckman and Elin Elisofon, and virtually Gabe McPhail, Hooper Brooks, Marjorie Stratton, and Millie Martin.
2. **Minutes** – **Approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant # 33** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #33. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None

Jake Thompson arrived.

7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
 - a. **Housing Committee Report** – Elin, Darline, Hooper, and Marjorie were present to represent the housing committee. They need authorization to proceed with a grant application for an energy efficiency program and the deadline is midnight tonight. The committee gave the board a great report on what they have been working on and accomplished so far. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize the Town Manager to provide the Housing Committee with a letter of authorization to proceed with the grant process. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Engineer Report** – The engineers are working on designs for the Transfer Station and the Public Safety Building. They should have the Transfer Station ready to present by the next meeting. They are hopeful it will be a fairly quick process (possibly 6-8 weeks) since it will be mostly pre-cast pieces. The ash pile and vehicles will need to be dealt with. Andy has asked the engineers for a “street view” of what the PSB would look like.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **Maine Community Resilience Partnership** – The Town must enroll in the Community Resilience Partnership in order to apply for the Action Grant. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adopt and sign the Resolution including preamble statements. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Gabe asked the Board to consider what specifically to apply for with this grant. Her recommendation is to apply for engineering fees associated with the storm water system as part of the Downtown Project. The Board agreed. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to apply for the Community Action Grant for engineering fees associated with the storm water system contingent to the Downtown Plan. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Gabe also asked the Board to consider staff support for the SLR committee since they will be the primary entity responsible.

9. **New Business** - None

10. **Report of Town Manager** – The Board reviewed Andy’s memo. The Board scheduled a Budget meeting for next week, February 22, 2022, at 5pm. Insurance claims have been filed for damage to two Public Works trucks. There was discussion on a sub-committee of the Board to meet with applicants for Road Commissioner. Leslie and Eric offered to meet with the applicants. Andy will meet with Pat Lundholm again about the EMS director position. You are now able to obtain burn permits online and it was suggested to advertise this service on the website. There is a Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for tomorrow night.

11. **Report of Members** –

Jake asked about forming a committee to start discussing options for the Net Factory/former Public Works building. Andy suggested creating a defined purpose and objectives for this committee. There was discussion on advertising for people interested in serving on this committee.

Donald asked if the fire marshal had given any opinion on use of the Old Fire Hall. He has okayed the building. There are a couple of groups interested in using the space and a schedule will need to be worked out.

12. **Adjourn** - Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:10pm. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Next BOS Meeting: February 22, 2022, at 5PM