



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Town Office/Virtual Hybrid
5:00 PM

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Eric Gasperini, Pam Alley, Leslie Dyer, and Jacob Thompson (virtually); Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker
2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Executive Session** – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter. - Assessor Wes Robinson was present, as was the town's legal counsel (virtually). *Motion by Donald Poole to enter into executive session at 5:02. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Donald Poole to come out of executive session at 5:50. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Poole to authorize the Town to file an appeal of the judgement of Justice Bruce C. Mallonee. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

4. **Minutes** – Approve minutes from the March 1, 2022 and March 8, 2022 meetings. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #37** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #37. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
6. **Communications** – The Board received a letter of thanks from the MLA for their donation to the MLA Legal fund.
7. **Speakers from the Floor** – None

Budget Workshop - 6:00 PM – At this time the Budget Committee members Bill Alcorn (virtually), Don Young, and Eric Davis joined the meeting for continued budget review.

CEO/LPI - There was discussion on Uniform Building and Energy Codes, purchasing new code books, and becoming an ICC member (which would provide a discount to code books). There was discussion on the amount of revenue generated by permit fees and how much of this budget should be covered by those fees. Surcharges, equitable increases across the board, SLZ permit fees, and increasing the price per square foot were all considered. The board would like to see if 75% of this budget could be covered by permit fees.

HARBOR MASTER – The Board would like to see more regular reporting from the Harbor Master. There was discussion on removal of the old ferry crib work and available grants for that type of

project.

ANIMAL CONTROL – The Board would like to see more regular reporting from the Animal Control Officer. The process for delinquent animal registrations was discussed.

CEMETERIES – There was discussion on moving the cemetery (and Town Parks) mowing in-house. Another full time PW employee could mow in the summer and then assist the crew in the off months. The Board asked to review the contract for mowing. It was discussed that the contract should be put to bid every year, and also how to enforce the contract. The Board asked for better accounting of time spent on each mowing of the cemeteries. There was also discussion of a 6-month contract to give an opportunity to advertise this as a full-time PW position.

LIBRARY – This budget line has a significant increase and there was discussion about if some things could be cut. Friends of the Library pay for ILL shipping and programming at the library. Circulation and usage of the library were discussed. It was agreed to see the Trustee's report and revisit this item.

Regular meeting resumed

8. Committee and Department Reports/Appointments

- a. **Committee Appointments** – Maggie Olson would like to be reappointed to the Library Trustees. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Maggie Olson to the Library Trustees. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Housing Committee Report** – Elin Elisofon came before the meeting, but couldn't wait for after executive session. She reported that she spoke with George Kendrick and the CDC cannot take on the Housing issues at this time. He recommends the Committee form a separate non-profit.
- c. **Librarian's Report** – The Board asked to see the reporting data that is provided to the State. Andy said he would share a link to the website where data from libraries of similar size can be viewed.
- d. **Engineer's Report** – The engineers are continuing to work on the SHIP grant. The Board is still waiting to see the updated Transfer Station layout.
- e. **Downtown Project Update** – The Town was awarded 1.4M from the FY 2022 Appropriations Bill secured by Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. There will be a color-coded map available soon to depict which areas of the project are to be funded by which grant/department.
- f. **Director of Public Works Report** – The Board reviewed the report of the DPW.

Jake Thompson had to log off.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business

- a. **Budget Workshop** – See above
- b. **Ambulance Fee Schedule** – Proposed Rate Change – Due to the increased costs Andy will discuss with Pat Lundholm the proposed rate changes.

11. Report of Town Manager – The Board reviewed Andy's memo. There was discussion on the ability of MSFS to staff crews for the ferries. There was discussion on the study commissioned by the Island Institute of the ferry service. Phil Crossman is willing to serve as representative for Vinalhaven. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Phil Crossman as representative of Vinalhaven*

for the Island Institute study of the MSFS. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

12. **Report of Members** – Pam asked about trash cans at Coot’s Corner and if they were usable at either the town parks or quarries. And asked the PW crew to pick up the two benches at the top of the sledding hill at the ball ground.

13. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:32pm. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Upcoming Meetings:

3/22 - BOS/Budget Committee Joint Meeting

3/29 - Regular BOS Meeting (Andy will be remote for this meeting)