



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee joint meeting
Town Office/Virtual Hybrid
5:00 PM

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Eric Gasperini, Pam Alley; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Budget Committee Members Don Young, Eric Davis, Bill Alcorn, and Margaret Qualey. Gabe McPhail was also present (virtually). Leslie Dyer and Jacob Thompson were absent
2. **Approve Agenda** – Remove 5a. Law Enforcement (it was reviewed at the last meeting.) *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #38** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #38. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
5. **Budget Workshop**
 - a. ~~Law Enforcement~~
 - b. **Fire** – There was discussion on the replacement of E4 and either buying a new custom engine to fit the bay as-is or extending the bay and purchasing a used engine. There was discussion on a new generator and gas/diesel/oil prices (applied to all departments with gas/diesel/oil prices).
 - c. **EMS** – Increase in Patient Transport due to increased prices from PIA and MSFS.
(Don Young had to leave to attend another meeting)
 - d. **Public Safety Building** – There was discussion on life of the building (built in 1960s). There was more discussion on new custom truck vs. used with bay extension to the building. The Board agreed that (thankfully) the trucks have light use and purchasing a used engine would be suitable with the bay extension.
 - e. **Transfer Station** – There was discussion on the bag/sticker system and collecting enough revenue from each stream. There was discussion on purchase of a new bobcat, attachments, hours on the old machine, trade-in value, and possible use by other departments. There was discussion on taking and disposing of junk cars and oil barrels (both need to be dry before being disposed of). There was an agreement of the Board to research revenue from special waste and work to adjust fees.

With the Manager recommendations the budget is up 7.61%. There was discussion on setting a percentage limit for the increase and then looking for ways to get to that goal. The Board was in agreement that it was important to make a decision on the Benefit changes.

6. New Business

- a. **Community Action Grant** – *Motion by Donald Poole to apply for the Community Action Grant. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **SHIP Grant** – *Motion by Donald Poole for the Town to submit the SHIP Grant and authorize Andy to sign on behalf of the Board, using matching funds from the Harbor Reserve to satisfy the grant. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
7. **Report of Town Manager** – Andy informed the Board that he does not intend to renew his contract which is up in June. He will work with MMA and the Board to search for a new candidate.
Budget timeline was discussed. Finish initial review next week (March 29), Andy will update figures and there will be another review April 12 as well as a regular BOS meeting.
8. **Report of Members** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the contract for Knox County Sheriff's Deputy Services. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried*
9. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:08pm. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Upcoming Meetings:

3/29 - Regular BOS Meeting, finishing first review of budget items (Andy will be remote)

4/12 - Regular BOS Meeting