



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. **Roll Call** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman, Donald Poole, and Jacob Thompson; and Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr*

This was a virtual meeting in which BOS members participated remotely. The public may view the meeting by going to the Town of Vinalhaven Facebook page. This recording will also be made available and posted to the Town of Vinalhaven YouTube page.

2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Executive Session** - *Held prior to going “live” online.*
4. **Minutes** - *Approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting and May 26, 2020 Budget Meeting. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant #50** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #50. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
6. **Communications** - *None*
7. **Speakers from the Floor** - *None*
8. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - a. **Road Commissioners Report** - *Donald asked if there was any update on the broke down back hoe. Jake Stanley has looked at it and made a suggestion, but it’s up to the Board if they want to have Jake work on it or send it to CAT.*
 - b. **Engineer’s Report** - *Andy shared an update from the Engineers. The RFP’s are out for the Bridge and Garage. The deadlines have been extended for both projects. There might be interested from some of the bigger companies if they were awarded both projects (the project is too big for the smaller companies, and too small for the bigger companies). Andy is hopeful there is now a fourth bidder, but they have asked for another week extension (to the 26th of June). The engineers are hopeful that by extending the deadline that it will bring in more competitive bids. There was a consensus of the Board to allow a one week extension to June 26, 2020.
*They have submitted the grant application to Northern Borders. Nothing has been heard yet about the MPI grant with the DOT.**
9. **Old Business** - *None*
10. **New Business**

- a. **Approve and Sign Annual Town Election Warrant for July 14, 2020** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Annual Town Election Warrant for July 14, 2020. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.
 - b. **Approve and Sign Liquor License Renewal Application for Lindsey Davis DBA The Sand Bar** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign liquor license for The Sand Bar. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.
 - c. **Annual Town Meeting Warrant Draft and Consider Date/Location for Meeting** - The Board reviewed the draft warrant for the meeting. The Governor clarified that Town Meetings can occur, if following social distancing recommendations, up to 50 people. There was discussion on annual attendance for Town Meeting, and if there had been over 50 people. Currently the School auditorium may not be available as they're trying not to hold activities inside the building. Andy will check with the school and get back to the board. The requested date would be July 22, 2020.
- 11. Report of Town Manager** - Andy shared his memo and noted work the Public Works crew has been doing ditching. Fire Trucks are getting pump tests and some minor repairs. There was discussion on Medicare's rate changes, and changes that means for the Town's billing. There was discussion on Eldercare's bottle collection at the Transfer Station. It had been open, but it was requested to be closed to discourage congregating in one area. It was asked if it could be placed in front of the Swap Shop while that is closed. Andy has checked in with the Library and that seems to be working ok. They are alternating their schedule so they are not in the office at the same time. The proposed changes on the Knox County Contract have not been reviewed. There are concerns with one or two moorings that may need to be removed due to the new dolphin and pen extension to the ferry pen. Andy and the Harbor Master are working with the Ferry service to resolve those issues. CNB is asking if the Town is interested in a sweep account. Donald said he'd review the paperwork if Andy would send it. Andy, Gabe, and Yvonne made a unanimous decision on an Island Fellow, and the position was offered to them. The summer letter (June letter) is drafted and has been sent to the Board for review. Andy had some communication with the Public Health Team about some changes to the letter. There was a consensus of the Board to remove the discussed wording regarding using "welcoming" visitors to the island. The Medical Center has been getting calls about getting testing here on the island. Andy said that there is a small amount of tests available here, and that PenBay is a larger testing site.
- 12. Report of Members** - Phil asked about Brown's Head Lighthouse and its condition. Andy had info from the Lighthouse Foundation that they are supposed to come out this fall to do work. Phil asked if he was confident that they would actually come this time, as they were scheduled to come before and plans fell through. Andy said he would forward a couple emails he had received recently, and pointed out there is now a GoFundMe for maintenance funds. Town's people are concerned that the proposed work may never happen.
- 13. Adjourn** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk