



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

Town Office/Virtual Hybrid

Tuesday, July 19th, 2022

5:00pm

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Jake Thompson, and Donald Young; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Leslie Dyer was absent.

Also present: Eric Gasperini, John Frumer, and Wes Reed in person; and Millie Martin, virtually.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Add 9b. Donations. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve Minutes – Approve the minutes from the July 5th, 2022 Select Board Meeting.** *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/1- Jake Thompson abstained. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrants # 3** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #3. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
 - a. **Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership** – No action was taken. The Board is waiting to hear back from the lawyers about an appeal. Marjorie will call the lawyers and also discuss with Wes Robinson. There was discussion on how far back they can request the abatement.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – Wes Reed was present to discuss the changes with ordinances. There is a consensus to check with MMA Legal or a Land Use Attorney before any ordinances are adopted. Marjorie has a meeting with Midcoast Council of Government tomorrow and will ask if they have resources to help.
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
 - a. **Harbor Master** – There was discussion on enforcing penalties and fees. There was discussion on the process of notifying of the violation, etc. It was agreed to discuss a fee schedule at the next meeting.
 - b. **Downtown Project – Final EDA Designs** – There was discussion on the crosswalk at the end of Main Street (FIEC area) and not being able to raise that up. The Board is in favor of the design presented.
 - c. **Woodard & Curran Status Report** – The Board reviewed the report. Don Young asked for a copy of the Transfer Station design.

- d. **Director of Public Works** – Millie reported that Mike Bunker will be mowing the roadsides. The man who did it previously has health issues and will not be able to come out at this time. The road line strippers were due in mid-June and have been a no-show. The PW crew will be working on guardrail on Calderwood's Neck Road, from the area of Mill River Cove. No options have been found for guardrail in areas where the depth cannot be reached (Granite Island/Creeds Cove). The pick-up is getting the new body put on tomorrow (Wednesday, July 20) and should be returning on Friday.

1. **Sales Quote – 2022 International** – There is \$111,000 in the equipment reserve. Millie is concerned about plowing this winter with the trucks they have now. The 8500 was quoted as a trade in value of \$3,400. The 550 had the frame repaired, but shouldn't have the wing reattached, so that leaves only one truck with a wing. There was discussion on leasing or renting a truck. Wes Reed mentioned surplus equipment through the State. Millie has looked at their inventory and most have high mileage and are in rough shape. There was discussion on contracting out plowing. It was suggested to look out of State or research one-year lease options.

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

- a. **John Frumer – Boundary Line Agreement** – John Frumer was present to go over a map of his property in relation to John Arey's property and the Town property. In relation to the boundary line agreement the Board signed in regards to the John Arey property, this agreement would confirm the boundary line perpendicular to the previous agreement. John will get the paperwork and pay for Gartley & Dorsky to draw the maps.
- b. **Donations** - The Board reviewed a list of donations from 7/1/2021-6/30/2022. *Motion by Pam Alley to accept and appropriate \$627 to Ambulance Training Reserve, \$5,750 to Ambulance Equipment Reserve, and \$,2500 to the Fire Department Reserve. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. **Report of Town Manager** – The Board reviewed the Report.

There was discussion on the Old Fire Hall painting: painting two sides, how much repair, asking for bids now or before budget season next year?

The Board was in favor of hosting Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage Foundation at the August 2 meeting to discuss a Model Aquaculture Development Moratorium.

The Board would like to invite a candidate for the Assessor position to a meeting on August 5, at 2:30.

There was discussion on the adjusted patrol coverage. The deputies will be rotating over the 40 hours of coverage. This type of coverage has presented issues with follow-through in the past.

Marjorie received a letter of intent from the attorney for the Tenants in Common (Town/Water Dist). The Board agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

At the request of the Library Trustees, the Town will advertise for temporary help at the library for the summer due to the resignation of the Librarian.

11. Report of Members –

- a. Jake Thompson asked if anything could be done about parking on the sidewalk on School Street. It makes it hard for people walking, and also for traffic. There is also a mailbox in the middle of the sidewalk. It was suggested to send a letter to property owners.
- b. Pam Alley was concerned about traffic going the wrong way around the circle at the Town Office. There used to be a sign, but it has gone missing. Pam also asked about fixing/replacing the baluster on the ramp at the Old Fire Hall. Some of the spindles have broken out leaving screws sticking up.

12. Adjourn – Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:50pm. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk