



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. **Roll Call** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phillip Crossman, Donald Poole and Jacob Thompson; and Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr were present at the Town Office. Pamela Alley joined remotely.*

Also present: Kerry McKee, Elin Elisofon, and Avrum Wiess (remotely).

2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Minutes** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes as written. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-1. Donald Poole abstained. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #3** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #3. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
 - a. **GEI Consultants, Inc. – Project No. 1901616** – *Andy shared a notice of intention to file for a dredging project in Rockland.*
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - a. **Annual Appointments** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the list of Annual Appointments. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Road Commissioners Report** – *The Board reviewed the Road Commissioners Report. The PW Crew has been doing a fair amount of ditching. Andy has posted the DPW driver/laborer position.*
 - c. **Treasurer's Report** – *The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the end of FY20 with the exception of a few outstanding payments.*
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **HIF Tax Abatement Request – Set hearing date** – *There was discussion on whether to hold the hearing as part of a regular Selectmen's Meeting or set a separate date. It was agreed to set the HIF Tax Abatement Hearing date for August 4, 2020 at 5:30pm.*
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Knox County Sheriff Contract Review** – *Andy has a meeting with the Sheriff on Thursday (7/23/20). Andy asked if there was anything else that should be discussed when they meet. Donald would like the County Commissioner to come out and meet with the Selectmen. He is displeased with the service that has been*

being provided and wants to have a discussion before signing the contract. Jake would like better reporting to the Selectmen. Phil would like to see more accountability.

- b. LRAP Contract – Main Street Capital Funding** – *The Town was awarded \$625,000. Between the Sidewalk Reserve and Road Reserve there is roughly \$700,000. This is a matching grant to be used for the Main Street drainage/road/sidewalk projects. Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize Andy Dorr to sign the LRAP Contract. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- c. Carrying Place Bridge Bid Review** – *One bid was returned for the Carrying Place Bridge project. Jake Barbour bid \$694,550. There was discussion on the Engineers going back to Barbour with questions on pricing. Motion by Eric Gasperini to reject the bid from Jake Barbour for the Carrying Place Bridge project. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- d. Proposed EMS Rates** – *The Board reviewed the proposed rate increases for 2020. Kerry feels the rate increases are reasonable and justified. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the rate increases. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- e. DPW Backhoe – Possible consideration for purchase** – *Andy presented the Board with 5 bids for backhoes. There is approx. \$102,000 in the Public Work Equipment line currently. There was discussion on using the backhoe at the Transfer Station as a trade in. Motion by Eric Gasperini to purchase the used Case 580SNWT Backhoe from Beauregard for \$94,465 contingent on warrantee. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. Report of Town Manager – *The Board reviewed Andy's Memo. There has been requests from Committees to use the meeting space at the Town Office. Motion by Phil Crossman to allow committees to meet at the Town Office providing it's after Town Office business hours and limited to 5 attending. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

11. Report of Members – *There was discussion on renaming the air field in honor of Kevin Waters. Andy is working on finding any notes on the original name after Mary Talbot. Phil asked to continue to look into renaming the air strip in his honor without offending the Talbot family. Phil also asked about reopening the public bathroom in the Old Fire Hall. Business on Main Street are having customers inquire about facilities. Andy is still looking for someone to clean.*

The Sewer Commissioners met today and Andy shared their FY21 proposed budget. There would be a volumetric charge increase to cover proposed maintenance/improvements. Andy will look at some of the data to see what the impact will be on individual users.

Phil asked about maybe working on the side walk going down the hill (along High Street) from Ingerson to the intersection with the North Haven Road. It was asked to have Kevin Moore look at it and see if he has any suggestions or estimates. Phil asked to have it put on the next agenda to consider.

12. Adjourn – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk