



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman, and Jacob Thompson; and Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr. Donald Poole was absent. (Board members met in person, Andrew Dorr participated virtually from another room.)

*Also present Megan McDervitt virtually*

2. **Approve Agenda** – **Motion** by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the agenda as written/amended. Second by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Vote \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. Motion carried.

3. **Executive Session** – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) – Legal Matter – Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) – Legal Matter. Second by \_\_\_\_\_. Vote \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. Motion carried.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to come out of Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM. Second by \_\_\_\_\_. Vote \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. Motion carried.

4. **Review and Discuss DPW Facility Bids** – The engineer recommends the Town reject both bids. Motion Eric Gasperini to follow the engineer's recommendation and reject both bids Shared Inc and Dunbar and Brawn. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0.

*Bids were significantly over what was authorized by the town. Next steps are to find a solution for the current garage, or Andy has had an offer of a building and an acre of land that could be retrofitted to meet the needs of the Public Works. Megan McDervitt was present to give some more details. She said that both contractors were still interested in working to retrofit the offered building and construct the sand/salt shed. Phil Crossman said he would be in favor of accepting the offer contingent on inspection by an engineer. Andy met with Jake Stanley late last week and received an official offer via email of the building and one acre of land for \$220,000. Andy would recommend to modify the acre offered to be connected to the already purchased acre in the same area. The Board was in favor of investigating this offer further. Motion by Phil Crossman to draft a purchase and sale agreement contingent on a satisfactory engineer's report relative to the structural integrity of the building and that the land can be contiguous with the two acres already purchased. Second by Pam Alley. Phil amended his motion to include giving Andrew Dorr the authorization to negotiate and sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Megan asked about scheduling a site visit and get the engineers out to inspect the building as soon as possible.*

5. **Minutes** – Approve the minutes from June 23, 2020 meeting – Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020 meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

6. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #52** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #52. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

7. **Communications** – None

8. **Speakers from the Floor** – None

9. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**

a. **Road Commissioners Reports** – *The Board reviewed The Road Commissioners report. The Public Works crew has been doing a lot of ditching. The backhoe has been repaired. The salesman from Beauregard Equipment came out last week and were going to get back to the Town with information.*

b. **Treasurer's Report** – *Nothing to show at this point.*

10. **Old Business**

11. **New Business**

a. **Broadband Campaign** – *Question 1 is a bond for broadband. The Town has been asked to endorse the Yes on 1 campaign. Motion by Eric Gasperini that the Town of Vinalhaven endorse voting Yes on Question 1. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0.*

*Eric Gasperini told the board that the broadband committee met with Mark Willette from Axiom. In Mark's report he predicts service to the island comparable to what Spectrum currently offers at \$40 more/month with speeds that were substantially less speeds than anticipated. Andy wanted to point out that this was a draft proposal and that there are still a lot of contingencies and things to work through, but it gives the island an idea of the business model they would be working towards. Andy and Gabe will be having a conversation with Long Island who are in the middle of options that involve a service provider delivering access to the home (public/private partnership), which is one of the options that needs to be fleshed out in the report.*

b. **Annual Lease/Contracts**

1. **Cemetery/Town Property Mowing** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize Andrew Dorr to sign the Cemetery/Town Property Mowing contract on behalf of the Board. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0.*
2. **Engine House Press** – *Andy suggested having a fixed rate for utilities vs. waiting for the bill to come in and figuring exact amounts. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign a lease agreement for \$450/mo. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Indian Creek** – *There have been no recent conversations with Earl Hamilton about concerns with use of the footbridge. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Indian Creek lease. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **Thoroughfare** – *Jake asked if there had been any headway on getting a lease longer than one year at a time. Andy said discussions hadn't gone well in the past. The Board would like to request a 5 year lease and would like to work on the boat launch.*
5. **Rockland Veterinarian** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize Andrew Dorr to sign the lease for the Rockland Veterinarian. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to also authorize Andrew Dorr to sign the leases for Engine House Press and Indian Creek on behalf of the Board. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

12. **Report of Town Manager** – *Andy received a request for a property tax abatement for Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership for years 2018-2020. Andy will send the entire document to Board members.*

*The Board reviewed Andy's report:*

*The Board was in favor of contributing to a memorial of some kind for Kevin Waters.*

*Phil apologized for missing the luncheon for Carl and suggested the Board do something for him.*

*Andy has been asked about swapping a lot purchased in Carver's Cemetery for one in Cummings Cemetery. The lot purchased in Carver's Cemetery was found to fill with water and therefore a more favorable spot was found in Cummings. There was discussion on the board about it being a usable lot and if it could be resold, and if the price of lots were the same in each cemetery. Motion by Phil Crossman to authorize swapping of the lot purchased in Carver's Cemetery for a lot in Cummings Cemetery. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Jake asked about reviewing the Cemetery Ordinance and making sure this is a policy.*

*Andy is working on logistics for the Annual Town Meeting. Andy is working with Bill Trevaskis about making outside seating/viewing available and asking that non-registered voters attend remotely. It was suggested that if voters plan on attending to let the Town know so seating can be planned accordingly. Andy is also working to set up a "virtual Town Hall" or budget presentation before the meeting.*

- 13. Report of Members** – *Eric Gasperini asked where the Vinalhaven deputy resides. Andy said that he lives on North Haven. Eric asked the question of what would happen if the town withheld payment to Knox until a contract was agreed upon. Andy doesn't advise that and reports that coverage has been 5-6 days a week. There was concern that the Board is also no longer seeing monthly reports. Andy asked if the Board would be interested in having a workshop with Knox County to discuss all these issues.*

*Pam Alley met with Christ Kolofsky who is going to put a handrail in at Lawsons on the back side. Jake mentioned that the back side of Booths has grown in and should be cut back.*

- 14. Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk*