



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

**Monday, August 30, 2021**

**5:30 pm**

**Town Office**

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Eric Gasperini, and Jake Thompson; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Leslie Dyer was absent
2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Minutes – Approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant #9** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #9. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
  - a. **HIF NYT Research Article** – Andy shared a New York Times article highlighting the aquaculture work farming scallops.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports and Appointments**
  - a. **Board of Appeals – Resignation** – Gwenythe Harvey wishes to resign from the Board of Appeals. This leaves 4 members on the Board. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept Gwenythe Harvey’s resignation from the Board of Appeals. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - b. **Road Commissioners Report** – The Board reviewed Dan Bickford’s report. They are still waiting for internet to be installed at the new garage. Pam asked if Nick could let her know when signs for the Parks Commission arrive.
  - c. **Engineer Report** – There was discussion on paving around the salt shed and around the garage (included in the budget).
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Old Fire Hall – Building Use** – The Engine House Press is no longer leasing the space at the Old Fire Hall. Kindermusik has requested use of the second floor. There was discussion on safety regulations related to use. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to offer the Old Fire Hall to Kindermusik at \$75 per month, pending issues with insurance concerns. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - b. **ARPA/Local Fiscal Recovery Fund** – The Board reviewed the “Grant Application Form” from the county. Andy asked that the Board think about what to request funds for (Main Street Project, sewer needs, Broadband, housing needs, etc.). Andy said the committee is also discussing matching each town’s State allocated funds, which would still leave about \$2M.
  - c. **Transfer Station Project – Bond Resolution and Reimbursement Resolution**  
*Eric Gasperini moves that the Resolution entitled, “Resolution Authorizing Issuance of \$850,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Transfer Station Retaining Wall and Property Project,” be*

*approved in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini that the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Use Tax Exempt Bond Proceeds to Reimburse Expenditures for Transfer Station Retaining Wall and Property Project," be adopted in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Resolution be filed with the minutes of this meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Capital Project Work Orders**

- i. WO10 Transfer Station – Final Design and Construction Admin** – The Board is all in favor of the reconfigured Transfer Station layout. *Motion by Jake Thompson to approve WO10 as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- ii. WO13 Public Safety Building – Truck Bay Assessment** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve WO13 as presented. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- iii. WO14 Downtown Improvements – Field Investigation and Bidding Services** – The EDA grant has still not been awarded. The engineers have a team to come in September to do field work for Main Street and Vinal Cove. *Motion by Jake Thompson to approve WO14 as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

**10. Report of Town Manager – See Memo** – There was discussion on options for speed issues. Temporary bumps cost around \$700, and it was suggested to get a couple to try for next summer. Andy will look into the cost of installing the permanent paved bumps. There was also discussion on better markings on the entrance and exit to the parking lot.

## **11. Report of Members**

- a. Donald Poole** asked if the redrawing of the FEMA maps could be included in the ARPA. Andy thought it had to be tied to COVID related issues, but will see if there's a way to include it.
- b. Pam Alley** said Bowdoin students had been on island last week and did some clearing with Peter Richards and Kay Kendrick. Pam asked if the Town could run a Wind ad with Board/Committee openings. And asked if Andy had had any response about mooring prices in the Sands. Andy will check with Jim and Pete again.
- c. Eric Gasperini** asked about the Broadband RFP – no movement. Asked about a road consultant to help better plan for future road work on the Round the Island Road and others. Andy will reach out to a few companies to see who offers this service, and check with W&C or Barbour to see if they can recommend anyone.

Andy added that he had talked to Rick L. (North Haven Town Manager) about another joint meeting. A letter has been left with George Lewis proposing two scenarios for lease agreement. There was a consensus of the Board to see if North Haven can meet October 13, 2021 at 5pm, and conduct a regular BOS meeting after.

**12. Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn at 6:34 by Jake Thompson. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk*

Upcoming:

BOS Meetings : Tuesday, September 14, 2021

: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 (possibly Oct. 13)