



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Immediately following Public Hearing
Town Office

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Eric Gasperini, Jake Thompson and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Pamela C. Alley was absent.
2. **Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the August 30, 2021 meeting. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2021 meeting. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant #11** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #11. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
 - a. Andy received a communication from MMA with praise for Vinalhaven’s Annual Town Report.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports and Appointments**
 - a. **Library Report** – The Board reviewed the report from Scott Candage, Librarian.
 - b. **Road Commissioner** - The Board reviewed Dan Bickford’s report. The salt shed site is being prepped for a layer of pavement around the perimeter.
8. **New Business** – None
9. **New Business**
 - a. **General Assistance Ordinance – Appendices A through H (2021-2022)** – *Motion by Jake Thompson to approve Appendices A-H of the General Assistance Ordinance. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Approve & Sign Special Town Election Warrant – November 2, 2021** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Special Town Election Warrant for November 2, 2021. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
10. **Report of Town Manager – See Memo** – There was discussion on filling the deputy clerk position in the office; having one full time employee or two part time employees. An RFP will go out this week. Knox County Commissioners meeting was earlier today and Andy attended virtually. Half the State funding is due soon and plans are to set it in a separate account and wait to see what ARPA funds will be awarded. There is no State mask mandate as of yet, but all committee and board meetings at the Town Office are now requiring masks.
George Lewis has taken the Thorofare Lease agreement back to Boston to review with his lawyer. North Haven and Vinalhaven have been working with Mr. Lewis for a long-term lease to be able to make significant improvements to the Thorofare property.

11. Report of Members –

- a. Eric Gasperini** – asked about a vaccine mandate. Andy didn't think we would have the legal ability. Portland tried a mask mandate but they have a different form of government. Vinalhaven is above average for vaccinations.
- b. Jake Thompson** – asked if there was any update on the airstrip extension. Currently there are no designated funds, and no current pressure from PIA. Money for a survey could be put into the budget for next year. The 200' extension would cover two adjoining properties.
- c. Donald Poole** – asked if there was any info about the Old Fire Hall usage and insurance needs. Andy said it sounded like it would depend on the use of the space/capacity etc. Interested parties have been Kindermusik, Island Players, and Yoga. Andy will communicate more with the insurance company.

12. Adjourn – *Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:13pm. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Next BOS Meeting: October 12, 2021