



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN SELECT BOARD

Minutes

Town Office/Virtual Hybrid
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
5:00 PM

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Jake Thompson, Leslie Dyer, and Donald Young, Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present: Millie Martin (Zoom), Nick Barton, Dusty Smith, Andy Farnham, Eric Davis, and Jim Knowlton.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Add 7c. SLR Committee. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve Minutes – Approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 Select Board Meeting** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants #32** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #32. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – Millie was present via Zoom to inform the board that the frame on the Public Works pick-up truck is broken. They had Jake Stanley look at it to see if it could be repaired, but the break is in a location that is not weldable. Dusty Smith called around to many dealerships to find an available truck with much difficulty. There is one truck at Shepherds – a single cab Dodge for \$63,883, and there is one truck at Lee – a crew cab Dodge for \$62,138. Dusty also priced out a plow from H.P. Fairfield for \$9,330.

Motion by Donald Poole to use funds in the Road Repair account to purchase the 2022 Crew-Cab Dodge 3500 from Lee for \$62,138 and the plow from H.P. Fairfield for \$9,330 for a total of \$71,468. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Poole that the money received from the sale of the 8500-dump truck and the pick-up be placed back in the Road Repair account. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
 - a. **Lanes Island Stewardship Committee – Dotty Tasillo & Linnell Mather** – *Motion by Donald Poole to appoint Dotty Tasillo and Linnell Mather to the Lanes Island Stewardship Committee to a term ending 6/2023. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Budget Committee – Banner Moffat** – There was a discussion on the Budget Committee Ordinance and the number of members on the committee. *Motion by Donald Poole to appoint Banner Moffat to the Budget Committee with a term ending 6/2025. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

- c. **SLR Committee** – Marjorie has had two applications for the SLR Committee but there is currently only one vacancy. The SLR Committee recommends Molly Miller. *Motion by Donald Poole to appoint Molly Miller to the SLR Committee for a term ending 6/2023. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- 8. **Old Business**
 - a. **Maine Water Proposal for an additional full-time employee and recommendation to the Board of Selectmen** – Donald Young asked what this would do to the budget. There are funds currently available and further costs will come from user fees. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the hiring of an additional full-time employee by Maine Water Company at an annual additional cost of \$31,600 to the Wastewater Department of the Town of Vinalhaven. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- 9. **New Business**
 - a. **Professional Services/ Legal Fees – 2022-2023 Budget** – Another bill from Drummond & Woodsum came in for December charges totaling \$8,400. This budget line is already over expended by \$4,935. There was discussion on scheduling a Special Town Meeting to ask for additional funding. There was discussion on having a warrant to sign at the next meeting (February 21) for a Special Town Meeting on March 7, 2023.
 - b. **Budget Workshop** –
 - i) **Town Properties** – The Harbor Reserve has been depleted due to the Downtown Project so there will be a significant amount being budgeted for that account this year. There was a discussion on Old Fire Hall repairs and painting. Jim Knowlton talked about the need to replace the walkway and ramp at the Thorofare. He has talked with Chris Kolofsky about his recommendations for replacement. There was discussion on an adequate size and shape for the thoroughfare float. There was discussion on the cost of streetlights. There was discussion on where the conversations with PIA had been left with lengthening the airstrip, and possibly budgeting for having a survey done next year.
 - ii) **Law Enforcement** – There was discussion on reducing that account to cover one deputy (it had previously been increased to cover two). There was a discussion on removing the phone from the office. Marjorie will ask if it is still needed by the deputies.
- 10. **Report of Town Manager** – Marjorie presented the board with an updated budget report through January.
- 11. **Report of Members** – Yesterday (2/6) someone called Knox County dispatch to report an ice fishing group had a fire on Booth's Quarry. There was no deputy available, so they requested Fire Chief Marc Candage respond. He asked that the fire be extinguished and cleaned up. There were ensuing complaints that if this rule is enforced, so should all the other rules in the ordinance.
- 12. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:28pm. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk