



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN SELECT BOARD

### Minutes

Town Office/Virtual Hybrid  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, and Donald Young (all in person), Leslie Dyer (virtually), Jake Thompson (\*arrived later), Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present: Eric Davis and Ryan Nizolek.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Add 7e. Ambulance Request. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 Select Board Meeting – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants # 27** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #27. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** - None
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
  - a. Sea Level Rise Committee – Reconfirm and appoint members – *Motion by Donald Poole to appoint and confirm Yvonne Thomas to the Sea Level Rise Committee for a term ending 6/23, to appoint and confirm Gabe McPhail and Linnell Mather to the Sea Level Rise Committee for a term ending 6/24, and to appoint and confirm Marian Grogan, Margaret Qualey, and Kevin Donovan to the Seal Level Rise Committee for a term ending 6/25. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - b. Cemetery Committee Report – Eric Davis talked about the work done in Roberts Cemetery clearing the boundary lines and bushes. He has been in contact with Thomas Stevens who does the stone cleaning about work in Carvers Cemetery. Eric provided the Board with a list of short- and long-term goals for the committee.
  - c. Woodard & Curran Status Report – The Transfer Station project has gone out to bid, with a closing of January 12, 2023. The team has been concentrating on easements and there will be a meeting with property owners on the January 9, 2023, to sign them.
  - d. Downtown Project Update – None
  - e. Ambulance Request – \*Jake arrived during this conversation. Ryan Nizolek addressed the board with his concerns on the staffing shortage of EMTs. Ryan is proposing a one-time stipend for the month of December for the EMTs who covered shifts due to Marc Candage out after shoulder surgery and Pat Lundholm's retirement. Ryan is also working on a new compensation system – an hourly pay while on coverage plus hourly rate while on a call. The change will not require

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additional funding for the remainder of this fiscal year and will be a relatively low increase for next year. The Board was all in favor and thanked Ryan for all his hard work.

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

- a. 2023/2024 Budget Meeting Schedule – There was discussion on a timeline for budget meetings. The Board agreed to start consideration of some items at the next meeting (January 17, 2023), have a budget only meeting January 31, 2023, resuming regular BOS meetings on February 7, 2023. There was discussion on getting as much accomplished as possible before board members took vacations.
- b. Hurricane Island Foundation – question from attorney to consolidate pending appeal proceedings – *Motion by Jake Thompson to agree to consolidate the appeals and request a stay from further consideration of the same until the Maine Supreme Judicial Court has reached a decision. Seconded by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. **Report of Town Manager – Budget Report** – Marjorie provided the board with a budget report with expenditures through December. All lines are in good standing except for Professional Services. Marjorie and Debbi young have moved some of the invoices from the Downtown project and High Street sidewalk project to the Planning lines to help with legal/engineering fees. Marjorie and Donald Young will be attending a meeting with Sheriff Polky, Chief Deputy Curt Andrick, County Administrator Andrew Hart, County Commissioner Sharyn Pohlman, and North Haven Town Manager Rick Lattimer. The Airstrip lease has been signed. Hope Steffens has left the Town Clerk position and taken a job at the Land Trust. Elizabeth Bunker has taken on some hours during the week.

11. **Report of Members** – Jake wanted to thank Millie and the PW Crew for plugging the Ball Ground. He commented on how good the skating was during the last freeze. Donald Young may have a lead on a long-term three-bedroom rent if there is a deputy still interested in coming to the island. Donald also mentioned he saw Luke Philbrook lost a mirror on his dump truck due to hitting roadside bushes.

12. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 5:56pm. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Next Meetings:  
January 17, BOS and Budget  
January 31, Budget  
February 7, BOS and Budget

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