

**MINUTES
TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

5:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. Roll Call – Selectmen Pam Alley, Leslie Dyer, Don Young, and Thomas Anthony; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present were Peter Drury, Wes Reed, Banner Moffat, and Rebecca Chambers, all in person; and Gabe McPhail, Margaret Qualey, and Dan Cross via Zoom. Ladd Olson was absent.
2. Approve Agenda – Add 7d. MSFS Advisory Board Update and 7e. Knox County Sheriff's Report. *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. Minutes – Approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #18 – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #18. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. Communications - None
6. Speakers From the Floor - None
7. Committee and Departmental Reports and Appointments
 - a. Woodard & Curran – No report received.
 - b. Downtown Project Update – Gabe reported that there is finally some movement on the USDA easement. Though not in hand yet, it will be sent ASAP. Gabe said they are still hoping to begin the water line portion of the project this spring. NOAA is asking for some additional information regarding the boat launches before that portion can move forward.

Gabe also gave an update on the LED Streetlight Conversion Project with North Haven. They had a kick-off meeting with Rick Lattimer, Amy Turner, Marjorie, and Affinity LED. Affinity is planning a site visit in January to do an audit on the current streetlight layout and will then meet with the Board of Selectmen, Public Works, and Emergency Management Staff to determine areas of concern.
 - c. Sewer Commissioners appointment – Alan Koenig – *Motion by Pam Alley to appoint Alan Koenig to the Sewer Commissioners. Seconded by Tom Anthony. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

- d. MSFS Advisory Board Update – Peter Drury has been attending Advisory Board meetings and reported that they had a special meeting on Monday with Commissioner Van Note regarding the rate increase. They are looking at two proposals: a “Truck Model” and an “18% increase 60/40”. Peter was concerned about the attitude of the Commissioner and that he might try to challenge the 2005 mandate that splits revenue and expenses 50/50 with the highway fund. There was discussion on speaking with the Island Institute, Maine Island Coalition, and Hannah Pingree, and to make sure Marjorie and VH Advisory Board members are getting notifications of meetings. The Board asked Marjorie to attend meetings. There was a consensus of the Board to keep aware of meetings and discussions and to work to strengthen connections with Representatives.
- e. Knox County Sheriff’s Report – Deputy Lemoi provided the report for October. Marjorie spoke with Chief Pinkham and they have someone interested in the island position but still have screening procedures to complete.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Solid Waste Disposal and Transportation Agreements – *Motion by Pam Alley to sign the agreement between the Town of Vinalhaven and Waste Management, and the agreement between the Town of Vinalhaven and Thomaston Recycling. Seconded by Thomas Anthony. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. Set Date for Special Town Meeting – Land Use Ordinance Amendments and Addressing Ordinance – There was a consensus of the Board to hold the Special Town Meeting on November 28, 2023. Marjorie and the Office Staff will have a Warrant ready to sign at the next BOS meeting on November 14, 2023.
10. Report of Town Manager – Marjorie provided the Board with a budget report for the first quarter. The terms for the MSFS Advisory Board members expire in December so those appointments should be discussed at the next meeting. Don Young asked if Public Works had been able to catch up on road repair from the rain damage. In that discussion, Rebecca Chambers spoke about issues with her driveway. There is a culvert under the North Haven Road that then directs under her driveway. The substantial rainfall was too much for these culverts and washed out the driveway. She has spoken with Millie. The Board felt they should wait to talk with Millie and hear her proposal before taking any action. Marjorie mentioned not being able to use public funds for private roads/land.
11. Report of Members –
The Board discussed Facebook conversations regarding changing the time Reservation vehicles have to be in line. The rumor is the ferry service has or will change the time all cars must be in line to 30 minutes (whereas reservations are currently 15 minutes) prior to departure.

Dan Cross asked if the Town and Board were aware that Terry Waters was selling PIA.

No one had received that notice yet, other than what PIA had posted on their business Facebook page. PIA has scheduled a Zoom meeting for Friday, November 3 at 1 pm for those wanting more information.

12. Adjourn – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to adjourn at 6:09 pm. Seconded by Tom Anthony. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk

Next Meetings: November 14, 2023 and November 28, 2023