



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

6:00PM

Town Office

1. **ROLL CALL** - *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phil Crossman, Emily B. Lane; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Donald Poole was absent.*

Also present were: Alison Thibault, Yvonne Rosen, and Pat Lundholm

2. **MINUTES - Approve the minutes from the March 28th, 2017 Meeting** - *Approval was postponed until a quorum of voters is present.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANT #40** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #40. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion Carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as written. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried,*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS** - *None*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** - *None*
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS** - *Reviewed the Road Commissioner's weekly report.*
8. **OLD BUSINESS** - *None*
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Approve & Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on April 18th, 2017.*

Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion Carried. The Warrant was passed for signatures.

b. Banking RFP's - *Reviewed the rates presented by Andy Dorr. No action was taken.*

c. FY18 Budget -

1. Transfer Station - *Emily Lane asked about getting Scott at Thomaston Recycling to come to the island again this spring and take another load of junk cars from the Transfer Station. Andy Dorr said he'd look into scheduling for that.*

Increase in Hazardous Waste line due to ash removal/disposal.

There is a contingency on the Recycling line to allow for the possible switch to Single Stream recycling. It would cost roughly three times as much as the current cost but has roughly three times the capacity and would be less time consuming for Transfer Station employees. Emily Lane asked Andy Dorr if he had heard any updates on the Single Stream figures. Andy Dorr replied that a financial statement was in the works and could possibly be available by next week. Eric Gasperini made a motion to accept the Town Managers recommendation. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

2. Ambulance - *Pat Lundholm was present at this meeting to help clarify some of the budget items. She explained that the increase in wages was due to the need to have three crew members (one advanced) respond to calls. It is often that one crew member is dedicated to logistics in transporting the patient off the island, while the others are treating the patient and writing down important information. Pat Lundholm expressed the need for a Cot Extender which would allow for more comfortable transport of wider patients. This could potentially be something funded by profits from the EMS/VFD Benefit Challenge Race. Also discussed was the Binder Lift and its benefits to the crew and patients.*

Eric Gasperini made a motion to accept the Town Managers recommendation. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

3. General Assistance - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Town Managers recommendation. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. Capital Projects - *Pam Alley asked about progress on Crockett's River Road. Andy Dorr said they still needed to do some work reclaiming ditches and bring in some material for the road. He reported that he had received some road material samples from companies on the mainland and that Dan Bickford was comparing them. The cost is generally \$15-\$20 more per ton (compared to Mills), but it might be worth the extra expense if the quality of the material is better.*

Andy Dorr recommended eliminating the Gravel Roads and Paved Roads lines.

Andy Dorr recommended combining the Compactor Reserve Fund with the Landfill Equipment Reserve. This can be discussed at Town Meeting.

Historic Sites: It was discussed that the Band Stand is in need of a new roof, painting, and landscaping work. The Galamander could possibly require significant work; temporarily the granite block has been unhooked from the axle and support jacks have been placed to take some strain off the rear wheels. New portions of fence around the Civil War Soldiers Monument are being replaced. With these upcoming needs it was motioned by Eric Gasperini to increase the FY18 budget to \$10,000. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Emily Lane to accept the updated total of \$375,000.00 for Capital Projects. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

5. Cemeteries - *Andy Dorr had proposed the idea of eliminating a separate cemetery mowing line item and hiring a fourth crew member to the Public Works Department and consequently including cemetery mowing into their schedule. Both the Budget Committee and the Cemetery Committee did not favor the idea of consolidation at this time. Emily Lane and Phil Crossman both favored hiring a fourth Public Works crew member and revisiting the absorption of cemetery mowing into the PWD until it is better understood if this is something the increased crew could feasibly accomplish.*

Andy Dorr informed the Selectmen that the Cemetery Committee had reallocated funds for Memorial Day Flags, eliminated a separate line item and to now be included in Supplies.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Town Manager's recommendation. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

6. Donations - *There was some discussion on what programs warranted donation from the Town. Donations from the Town demonstrate support from the community. It was agreed to increase the donation to Penquis Cap to \$629.00, change the donation to Surplus Food to \$300.00, give Life Flight \$1000.00, and change the donation to New Hope for Women to \$250.00. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the new total of \$2179.00 for Donations. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

7. Town Property - *Street Lights: Kevin Desmond has the new battery for the crosswalk sign at the School. Andy Dorr will contact an electrician about adding a light to the Old Fire Hall.*

Park Service Fees: *There was discussion about using these funds for improvements to the Owen Webster Playground (Medical Center), as well as tick awareness, trail work, and information booths/kiosks.*

Historic Sites: *The Museum will (most likely) need extensive work on the rear wall soon.*

Air Field: *Andy Dorr noted that the AWOS Phone is covered by Life Flight. There was a consensus of the Selectmen to include the Air Field Mowing into the Cemetery/Town Property Mowing. These two items lead to a decrease of \$1140.00.*

Eric Gasperini made a motion to accept the revised total of \$124,035.00. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER - None

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS - None

12. ADJOURN - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:55PM. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2017 AT 6:00PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ELIZABETH BUNKER, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK