



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

6:00PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Betsy Hopkins, Bill Alcorn, Julie Peterson, Dan Bickford, Marc Candage, and Alison Thibault

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the March 28th, 2017 Meeting and the April 4th, 2017 Meeting** – *Approval of the minutes for the March 28th, 2017 meeting was postponed until a quorum of voters is present.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2017 Meeting as written. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #41** - *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #41. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA – 8b. Main Street Bridge Project** was added to the agenda. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **The LifeFight Foundation** – *The Selectmen received a Thank You letter from LifeFlight for their donation of \$1000.*

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Bill Alcorn asked why, if the school playground is being called a “community project,” is it under the jurisdiction of the school. He also asked who was paying for the Wind ads and funding Kathy Warren to travel to workshops. Andy Dorr and the Selectmen all replied that these were good questions for him to ask at the Playground meeting that is being held at the school tonight. The Selectmen have no other input other than to sign the warrant for a referendum vote.*

7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

- a. Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Emily Lane to accept and appropriate \$695.00 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. Ambulance Reports** – *The Board reviewed Pat Lundholm's report. She says it has been working very well to have three on call when she has time off or is off island.*
- c. Knox County Deputy Reports** – *The Board reviewed the Knox County Report. They had a report covering January-March and another for just the month of March. The Knox County Sgt. is scheduled to come to the Selectmen's meeting on April 18th.*
- d. MSFS Advisory Board Report** – *Parking rates are set to be approved next week in order to take effect before the renewal date of seasonal parking passes (in May). Alison Thibault asked what the course of action is for the Vinalhaven Ferry Advisory Board and what was the possibility of holding the hearings on the islands? Andy Dorr encouraged everyone to write emails and letters to Rick Dubois, Walter Kumiega, and Dave Miramant. Julie Peterson asked that these departments and their addresses be put in the Wind so everyone knows where to send letters. Alison Thibault pointed out the potential impact on local businesses. Betsy Hopkins has sent an email to Kumiega and Miramant. She read Kumiega's response - in summary: He was under the impression this would lessen the burden on island residents and collect more revenue in the summer. Phil Crossman noted that a study had been done 10 years ago on constructing a parking garage, and another study has been done again this year, but they seem to ignore the findings of these studies. The estimated cost of a second level parking structure is \$6.6 Million. The Ferry Advisory Board determined that if they had those funds available they would put it into the vessels. Andy Dorr again encouraged everyone to write to representatives and officials.*
- e. Road Commissioner's Report** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's weekly report. Phil Crossman asked about the amount of crushed stone that had been plowed into the ditches on some dirt roads. Dan Bickford was present and explained that the dirt roads were soft so they applied the crushed stone. Shortly after there was another amount of plowable snow. The crew is working on reclaiming some of the stone now.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Banking RFP's** – *The Board reviewed the RFP's received from Camden National Bank, Machias Savings, and The First. Camden National Bank and Machias are offering 1.25%; The First is offering 1.3%. Andy Dorr explained the difference in rates yearly would roughly equal \$500 in interest. Andy Dorr provided the current rates and said it is recommended to request rates every few years. There was discussion on pros and cons of all the banks - convenience of a local bank vs. slightly better rates. Phil Crossman made a motion to accept the RFP from Camden National Bank. Andy Dorr pointed out these rates are good for three years. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Estate of Mary Jean Ogden** – *The Town had received a previous payment of \$25,000. The estate is now settled and the remainder of the gift (\$80,742.10) can now be divided*

among the beneficiaries. Motion by Emily Lane to direct this gift to PIE. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

- b. 2016 Town Report Dedication &/or Memoriam** – *Emily Lane suggested dedicating the Town Report to Wyman Philbrook. Phil Crossman was skeptical of picking individuals for the dedication/memoriam. There was discussion of previous years being dedicated to a living person. Motion by Eric Gasperini to dedicate the Town Report to Wyman Philbrook and Memoriam to all other island residents who passed away in the previous year. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

c. FY 18 Budget

- 1. Public Works** – *The Board reviewed the list of goals for the Public Works Crew provided by Dan Bickford. There was some discussion on possibly selling the Blue GMC 5500 and using monies from the sale to purchase other needed equipment or putting it into a reserve fund for later use.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$495,920.00. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Alison Thibault did thank Dan Bickford for the good job cleaning the catch basins in front of her store (50 Main St.). She said they had been working well and there had been much less standing water.

- 2. Fire Department** - *Marc Candage was present to review his goals with the Board. He informed the Board there would be an outside agency there on May 17th to do hose testing. They plan on using the School Parking lot and testing all hoses on that day. Pam Alley asked about the amount of water that would be used and Marc Candage said it shouldn't have any effect on the town's water supply or local neighbors but he would let Peter Farrelly know prior to testing. Marc Candage told the Board that there are seven firemen attending Fire Attack School this spring.*

Motion by Emily Lane to accept the Budget Committee and Marc Candage's recommendation of \$123,500.00. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

- 3. Planning** - *Andy Dorr expected to have a report from John Bubier. He has yet to receive anything but does check in with him weekly. Emily Lane requested a review of what he has accomplished to date and monthly reports from now on.*

Motion by Emily Lane to accept the Town Manager's recommendation of \$36,000. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/1/0. Motion carried.

- 4. Contingency** - *No discussion. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Town Manager's recommendation of \$10,000. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

- 5. Revenue** - *There was some discussion of increasing trash sicker prices to \$1/\$2. The Board reviewed the financial report provided. No action taken at this time.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Andy Dorr received an email reply from Dinah Moyer at ICMS. Modifications to the current power system are needed. She also said there would have to be discussion with the lawyers about ICMS purchasing the Medical Center building from the Town. Andy Dorr is meeting with Dinah Moyer and Christina Quinlan about grant funding and ideas for the Substance Abuse Program.*

Andy Dorr attended a meeting with Chellie Pingree on Broadband for remote communities. There is a Beta program available as a planning tool and he recommends participation. The Board agreed.

Grading dirt roads will start tomorrow. The Public Works Crew is going to work with David Arey - training and techniques - and will start with work on Booth's Quarry Road.

Andy Dorr had an estimate from Mills for \$13,000 for ditching work on Crockett's River Road. This will come out of the Gravel Roads budget line.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *The Board thanked Andy Dorr for his well-presented budget.*

Pam Alley asked about when the Street Sweeping crew could come out. Andy Dorr said he is planning on scheduling them to come before Memorial Day. This would be twice in same fiscal year, but after a spring sweep this year they'd be back on track for yearly trips.

Phil Crossman asked if the sidewalks could be cleaned up (gravel and dirt from plowing). Andy Dorr said he would ask it to be put on Dan Bickford's schedule for the Public Works Crew.

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 - Immediately following Special Town Meeting (6:00 PM)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ELIZABETH BUNKER, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK