



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Monday, December 11th, 2017

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING (6:00 PM) TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Kathy Warren, Betsy Hopkins, and Elin Elisofon

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the November 27th, 2017 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the November 27th, 2017 Meeting. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/1 - Phil Crossman abstained. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #24** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #24. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and approve the agenda as written. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS** - *None*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Kathy Warren asked if Marty Stein could be contacted regarding his thoughts on in the Public Works garage was torn down what his vision would be.*
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Ambulance Department** – *Reviewed the report*
 - b. **Road Commissioner** – *Reviewed the report. Andy Dorr said that markers had been placed along Water St. and Atlantic Avenue to help with plowing and noted that they seemed to work well with the few inches of snow we received recently.*
 - c. **Sea Level Rise Committee** – *Some members of the committee attended a symposium last week.*
 - d. **Transfer Station Analysis** – *Reviewed the November analysis*
 - e. **Treasurer’s Statement** – *None*
 - f. **Park Commission** – *Reviewed minutes from PCs last meeting. Pam Alley reported that Eric Davis has volunteered to head a group to start clearing blow-downs and making a trail while*

respecting Frank Lawry's property. Also creating two parking spaces and kayak access. Pam can provide a map for the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Indian Creek Footbridge** – *Phil Crossman has spoken with Earl Hamilton and he is amenable to a longer lease. Motion by Phil Crossman to draft a lease wherein the lessor purchases liability coverage with limits he finds acceptable and the Town leases the Right of Way for an amount equal to the annual premium. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. Marijuana Prohibition** – *There was discussion on what limits the Board might want to set i.e.: location. There was a consensus of the Board to wait for a recommendation from the Planning Commission. (Kathy Warren was present and said she'd call a meeting of the Commission this month and asked if she could be provided with a priority list of ordinances to address.)*

***Elin Elisofon was present and asked to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Elin Elisofon to the Planning Commission. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Our Island CARES** – *The group has adopted a mission statement and Phil Crossman assured that the group was gaining focus. The collective agencies (Town/Medical Center/School) have been meeting.*
- b. Harbor Ordinance** – *The Board was provided with the old ordinance. Andy believes he can have a draft of the updated ordinance ready for next meeting.*
- c. General Wool Monument** –
 - 1. Eagle** - *There was an email from Hugh Martin with a few ideas before moving the eagle from its current location. He thinks 10" can be cut from the two granite pieces supporting the eagle giving more visibility. If this is not enough it could also be moved back 10" in its current location giving a total of 20" more visibility. He also suggested lowering it where it sits and addressed the crack forming in the eagle.*
 - 2. Monument** - *Phil Crossman is still in favor of moving it and selling the small piece of land that it currently sits on on Sands Road. Andy will see about getting quotes to move it from Scott Richards who has moved many buildings around town.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – d. *The Board is willing to participate in the MMA Remote Training for Newly Elected Officials and will ask North Haven if they would like to participate as well.*

Carrying Place Bridge - *Andy had an email from the engineer who estimates that not raising the deck height would save approx. \$60,000. He'll also work on getting an estimate for replacement.*

Lanes Island Bridge - *The State meets next week. Andy got the results from the Traffic Study done Columbus Weekend. Their count showed approx. 100 cars a day used the bridge. A phased approach will be discussed. The bridge is 'level 6' which is low but most of the issues are in the substructure of the bridge.*

MSFS - *Public Hearing to discuss proposed rate changes on January 22 (Rockland) and 23 (Swans Island).*

Marc Candage provided a breakdown of what he needs in a vehicle for the boards review.

Christmas Open house on December 22, from 10-2. Activities, discussion, light fare, Marc Candage offered to bring up a fire truck.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Phil - *Lighting on Washington School St. and Summer St. - Andy will contact Chip at FIEC
Galamander - No response from Ron Harvey*

Housing Committee - No activity from them

Town Committees - Need to have Chair and Secretary. Need responsibility in reporting to BOS and going forward there should at least be a contact person for each committee.

Pam - *Lighting on the Old Fire Hall - Andy will ask about getting an electrician to look into wiring one in.*

Guardrail at Creeds Cove needs to be replaced - Andy said it's on the list, but will probably not be addressed in the next couple months.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Request for Ambulance Transport Fee Hardship Reduction/Waiver - Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Request for Ambulance Transport Fee Hardship Reduction/Waiver. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion Carried.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting on December 18, 2017 at 6 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk