



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 30th, 2018

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Pat Lundholm and Brandon Lazaro

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the January 17th, 2018 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the January 17th, 2018 Meeting as written. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Phil Crossman arrived.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #31** - *Motion by Jake Thompson to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #31. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA – Add 7d. Committee Resignation, remove 8b. Harbor Ordinance.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini. Second by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Andrew & Erin Creelman – 50 Main Street** – *The last ferry didn’t run so Bill Lane was unable to attend the meeting to discuss possible solutions to the drainage issue at 50 Main Street.*

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Brandon Lazaro presented the Board with an option for new ferry ticketing prices. His version would raise ticket prices by \$1-\$1.75 (making tickets even dollar amounts) and to not increase prices per foot for trucks (freight/fuel/etc.)*

7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **“Waste Watchers” Update** – *Pat Lundholm was present to give an update. The group had intended to present the Board with two bids, but with one bid coming in drastically lower, Pat wanted to clear up miscommunications with that company. The second company had a representative come out Monday and is now reworking a new bid.*

Pat undated the Board on the recent “Trash Talk” on composting. There were about 30 people

that attended. The plan is to have a trial group start a small composting spot at the Transfer Station with scraps from the School, Church Lunchbox, and Meals on Wheels. If all goes well, they'll be able to add more community members to the group.

The next "Trash Talk" is February 8, 6:30pm, at the Town Office. Topic is using less plastic.

b. MSFS Update – *There was discussion on rate structure vs. rate increase.*

The deadline for public comment is February 2, so Phil Crossman was asked to compose a letter on behalf of the Selectmen indicating the community's support of an equitable 17% increase. Included will be a letter from the math teams of Vinalhaven, North Haven, and Islesboro showing their analysis and solution. It was also discussed to include Brandon Lazaro's option with increased ticket prices with the exception of larger trucks.

c. Road Commissioner – *Reviewed Dan Bickford's report.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Indian Creek Footbridge – *Andy has sent the new lease agreement to Earl Hamilton, who has sent it to his lawyer for review.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Liquor License Application for John Feingold d/b/a SALT Restaurant – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Liquor License Application for John Feingold d/b/a SALT Restaurant. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Application was passed for signatures.*

b. Budget Process FY19 – *Andy provided the board with a rough timeline for the budget process. He will also provide department heads with a 'goals' sheet, which will help the budget committee see what funds will/could be used for in the coming year. The Board was also given a proposed budget for review.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Reviewed Andy's memo.*

7a. Andy met with KC dispatch and others from KC Police Department. They assured Andy that the Selectmen would get weekly/monthly reports. They discussed options for having additional coverage on Vinalhaven, including cost sharing with North Haven, having a deputy come between boats, and having another full time deputy.

8a. The Downtown Committee will meet again February 7, 2018. They'll be deciding how to move forward with the work John Bubier completed so far.

Andy also noted that the G402-FEMA training is from 12-2 (lunch provided), February 1, 2018, at the Town office.

February 13, 2018 is the MMA Remote training for newly elected officials. 4:30-8:30 (dinner provided). There are four from North Haven that plan to come down.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS

Phil Crossman:

Phil had a jacking company out here and they looked at the General Wool monument and will be sending an estimate.

Phil went to Lincolnville to see Ron Harvey about the Galamander. He was out of town, but Phil

spoke with his wife who said she'd have him call when he got back. There was discussion on revisiting the State Historical Preservation list and see who else might be available.

Phil asked about the Broadband committee - Andy said the committee is pretty much defunct at this point.

Phil asked about the transfer of the Ballground. Andy is just waiting for paperwork from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust showing transfer of ownership.

Phil asked if any action had been taken with the resident on Crockett's River Road who had built a causeway over the ditch. They were supposed to have gotten a permit. No action has been taken. Phil noted that the Lanes Island Bridge is on the DOT's calendar. They conducted the traffic study and the project was given a low level rating, which means the town may be responsible for funding some of the project. There is discussion on rehab vs. full replacement.

Phil asked where the Steven's case stands. Waiting on the Judge's final decision.

Phil asked if Andy had any more discussion with Chip or the Line Crew on additional lighting into the Town Office. Andy spoke with the Line Crew and they don't see an issue with installing another light at the corner of the parking lot, but there would still be a dark spot between there and the intersection of Summer Street. Installing additional poles would be upwards of \$7000.

Jake Thompson:

Jake said his wife had called and left a message at Rob Potter's home number (nothing urgent) but never received a call back.

Phil left.

- 12. ADJOURN** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meetings: 6:00 PM at the Town Office
Tuesday, February 20th, 2018
Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk