



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

6:00PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Gwenythe Harvey, Elin Elisofon, Del Webster, Martha Conway, Linnell Mather, Brad Horn, Dan Thompson, Grace Galiano, and John Wasielewski.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the July 25th, 2017 Meeting** - *Phil Crossman made changes to: 7a: “No communications from the Solid Waste Ordinance Committee regarding increasing the number of committee members.” 9e: “Jacob Thompson asked if the Lanes Island Bridge project should be included in Selectmen goals.” 11: “MCHT Ballground Property - Phil asked about a MCHT report that said the ballground property would belong to the town “very shortly”.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from July 25th, 2017 Meeting as amended. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/1. Donald Poole abstained. Motion carried.

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

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Add 5b. Katie Hooper and 7f. MSFS Report. Removed 9b. Draft Easement for ICMS Parking Area (not ready at the time of the meeting), and replace with 9b. Municipal Quitclaim Deed. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Gwenythe Harvey** - *Gwenythe had forwarded an email to Andy Dorr from one of the guests to her B&B. The guest complained of yelling, swearing, and loud domestic violence all night. Gwenythe thinks it’s actually quieter this year than the past two years she’s been in her house. Phil Crossman asked if she has called the deputy. She said she has called his home number three times (twice about the noise and once about animal abuse) and left messages that have been unanswered. Phil Crossman advised her to document her calls and the response she gets. The discussion changed to loud truck/noise complaints from Martha Conway. She has called Knox, talked to Deputy Potter, and talked with Deputy Simonetti. Del Webster reiterated that this has been a discussion for months now with no action. There was discussion on what Knox is contracted to enforce and negotiating greater coverage beyond the current 40 hours/week (plus emergencies).*

- b. Katie Hooper** - Elizabeth Bunker read aloud the letter received by the Board from Katie Hooper, a resident of Crockett's River Road. Andy Dorr gave an update on what the Public Works Department did at Drinking Place Brook on Monday, August 12th. They cut in shoulders 3' to 4' back into the hill side.

Elin Elisofon and the other Crockett's River neighbors feel like their concerns were not taken into consideration or disregarded. Speed on the road is also a strong concern.

Eric Gasperini said there is more traffic now than in the past and the road has been neglected for so long that this is a dramatic change but the town has stayed as close as possible to the plan.

Grace Galiano asked why this road seems wider than even the main roads on the island. Her house is very close to the Crockett's River Road and she has concerns about people going very fast on the road, the noise, and the amount of dirt that comes into the house. She drives from Florida with Dan Thompson and she said "it is no longer a calming place to come, and the widening of the road makes it [speed and dirt] worse."

Andy Dorr reminded those in attendance that the project is not finished yet and it does look raw right now - the surface now is not the final surface, and some of the ditching will grass in once the project is finished (which is hopefully by the end of August 2017).

6. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR –

Martha Conway felt there was no resolution to her concerns about the loud trucks allowed around town. Andy Dorr said the contract with Knox would need to be re-negotiated for specific coverage - Deputy Potter's hours vary from day to day and time of year and he can't be everywhere all the time.

Del Webster asked about signage. Andy Dorr said when the sign posts come back from their accidental trip to Portland and back in the Medical Center's POD, the Public Works Dept. will work on getting the signs up. Andy was also going to check the Comp. Plan to see if there were recommended speed limits for certain areas.

Elin Elisofon asked if some of the rotten and fallen wooden guardrail on the North Haven Road could be disposed of. Andy Dorr said that the wire attaches all the pieces together so it wouldn't be simply picking up small pieces and new guardrails are planned.

7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

- a. Approve & Appropriate Donations** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to appropriate \$1775.00 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve and \$500 to the Ambulance Training Reserve. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Andy Dorr also added that they received \$3707.69 from the Fred Loud Estate to be donated to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve. Motion by Eric Gasperini to appropriate \$3707.69 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried

- b. Board & Committee Appointments** - Phil Crossman received word that Courtney Mooney and Nick Farago no longer wish to be on the Solid Waste Committee.

John Wasielewski would like to be appointed to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Motion by Phil Crossman to accept John Wasielewski to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

- c. **Ambulance Reports** - *Reports were reviewed and, as always, there was praise for the great work the Emergency Crews do.*
- d. **Road Commissioner's Reports** - *The Board reviewed reports provided by Dan Bickford.*
- e. **Wastewater Department - Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Sewer User Rates. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Passed for signatures.*
- f. **MSFS Report** - *The Board reviewed figures for rate increases. There is expected to be an official proposal by the end of September. Joe Stone, North Haven Town Manager, has created a spreadsheet and his own variation of the ferry rate increase. Motion by Eric Gasperini to write a letter as a board in favor of the "1.5" increase (flat tier). Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

There was a consensus of the Board to add winter ferry schedule changes to the next agenda.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Maine DOT 3-year Maintenance Contract - Revised** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to have Andy Dorr sign the corrected documents. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Aquaculture Lease Application - Karen Cooper – Kelp Farm** – *This application is for an expansion of the Kelp Farm Karen installed last year. Motion by Phil Crossman to have Andy Dorr sign the Aquaculture Lease Application. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Municipal Quitclaim Deed** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Quitclaim Deed. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Passed for signatures.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *The Board reviewed the August 4th report previously emailed by Andy Dorr and the August 15th report provided at this meeting.*

#3 - There has been no interest in the CEO/LPI position. Andy has been trying to think outside the box and combine this position with another open position (i.e. Harbor Master or "Constable"). Talk of a constable lead to discussion on what it would take to initiate such a position.

#8 - Andy Dorr would like to take a class on Tuesday evenings this fall. He asked if the Board could meet another night. There was a consensus of the Board to change meetings to the 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Marc Candage has excess old turnout gear and he has found a place that repurposes it. Motion by Eric Gasperini to allow Marc Candage to donate the old turnout gear. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Donald Poole - The system update to the Rockland Ferry parking lot seems to be working well. There was a car parked illegally in the parking lot - Donald asked if cars could be (or are being) towed. Andy thought only cars unregistered were taken away. Donald also asked Andy to make sure he voiced the concerns of those present tonight when he talks to Knox again.

Eric Gasperini - *Asked about the grants Sgt. Mitchell mentioned when he attended the Selectmen meeting. Andy found these grants only cover working time and travel/ferry time would have to be covered by the town.*

Jacob Thompson - *Asked the best way to get ahold of the Harbor Master. Andy said messages can always be left at the Town Office. They are getting new phones and a voice mailbox will be set up on that soon.*

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk