

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, January 26th, 2016

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

- **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen, Brandon Osgood, Pamela C. Alley and Philip Crossman; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York. Eric Gasperini and Emily B. Lane were absent.*

Also present were Peter Richards, Barbara Seawell, Jason Marriner, Delwyn Webster and Patience Trainor.

- **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2016 Meeting** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #30** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #30. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve the agenda as written. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3-0-0.*
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – *None*
- **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - **Road Commissioner’s Report** – *Reports were reviewed. Andy reported that the crew has been working on cleaning up from the storm. They have been working with FIEC on the many blowdowns. There is an issue with the GMC 5500 (blue truck) and it will be \$3,000 just for the parts. The rear differential needs to be rebuilt. This is likely attributed to poor design evidenced by the fact the truck was discontinued shortly after going on the market.*
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - **Tax Acquired Property** – *A 48-hour notice to vacate the property was served on Thursday, January 21st, 2016. Andy recommended securing the building and cutting the power. Barbara Seawell asked how it came to this. Andy Dorr gave a history. The tax money was paid and has been held in escrow as the judge*

recommended but the code violations have not been corrected. The building has been deemed unsafe by both the Code Enforcement Officer/Licensed Plumbing Inspector and the Public Safety Officer, particularly where children are involved. When asked about the tank that Jason said he purchased back in October, Jason stated that he did not buy a tank and that he was just “telling the board what they wanted to hear”. There was no quorum of voting members so no formal decision could be made. Andy again asked for guidance on the power and securing the building. There was a suggestion to postpone. It was asked if the Board would like to wait 2 weeks for the next regular Board meeting or to hold a special Board Meeting sooner. According to the writ of the court the previous owner is not to be on the premises. Phil Crossman stated it was important to note that there was no voting board quorum and recommended postponing further action until the next regular meeting.

- **Department Goals** – *Park Commission goals were reviewed. Updating/creating a Town Parks brochure was moved from long term goals to short term. There was a discussion on the Parks budget. Previous year’s budget has been \$5,000 but it was stated that Bodine Ames donated lots of time to the Parks. There were discussions on mowing and looking into the cost of having David also do the Parks mowing. Delwyn Webster recommended signing over all of the Town Parks to the Vinalhaven Land Trust. Patience Trainor stated the current Park Commission started from scratch, with no idea of where the parks were, what tools the Town owned or what was previously done.*

Public Works goals were reviewed. They are hoping to purchase computer software to map out, locate, and assess all components of our roads to use for future projects. They would like to coordinate with the State for future asphalt projects and hope to find a reasonable and reliable source for winter sand/salt and other materials.

- **NEW BUSINESS** – *None*
- **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *Andy has been talking to Knox County EMA to try to identify affected property owners. There are over 1100 parcels located in the Shoreland Zone. Trying to narrow down the mailing list.*

Steven’s trial part 1 took place last Wednesday. We are expected to resume on Thursday (28th).

Consent agreement as drafted was shared with Lonnie and Kathy, lawyer is going to get back to Andy about the language and the Board will be able to sign once verified.

There is an opportunity for two people from VH to travel to Beaver Island, MI (unbridged, year-round island in Lake Michigan) to meet with their island community and to learn about similar challenges. There was a consensus of the Board for Andy to go and Andy encouraged one of the Board Members to attend as well.

Three Vinalhaven representatives are needed for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Andy and Marc will be on the group and it has been suggested to have a Board Member also consider serving. Brandon Osgood stated he would be interested if he could skip off island meetings during certain times of the year.

Andy asked about holding a special goals workshop on the first Tuesday in February. There was a consensus of the Board to hold a Goals Workshop on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

- **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Phil Crossman recommended creating a committee to study sea level rise before the March meeting. It was recommended to have 7 members and 2 alternates and to advertise for members in next week's "Wind".*

Phil Crossman asked about the water monitoring with Hurricane Island. It was stated that we let them know we were interested, particularly for clam flats.

Phil Crossman stated the Legislative bill to compel compliance for the MSFS safety issues had the sections on propane and freight removed.

Brandon Osgood asked about holding a volunteer day to clean-up the seaweed at State Beach in the spring. Pam Alley stated beaches in Florida leave the seaweed for a reason.

Brandon Osgood asked to explore the policy/procedure Knox County Dispatch follows regarding citizen complaints/emergency calls during off-duty hours.

- **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Patience Trainor had questions on the Park Commission.*

Delwyn Webster asked about the process on how people pay at the Transfer Station. It was stated that it was on the Board's horizon and that they are looking into purchasing scales.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – **Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the Town Manager's Evaluation** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss the Town Manager's Evaluation. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Brandon Osgood to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 PM. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3-0-0.

- **ADJOURN** - *Motion by Brandon Osgood to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*

Goals Workshop: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk