

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, January 12th, 2016

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present was Peter Gasperini.

- **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the December 21th, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the December 21st, 2015 Meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #28** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #28. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 5b. Hurricane Island Foundation; 6h. Harbor Master’s Report; and 6i. Transfer Station Report. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - **MidCoast Maine Community Action Donation Request** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add this request to the donations to be discussed during the budget workshops for the 2016-2017 Budget.*
 - **Hurricane Island Foundation** – *An email was received from Caitlin Cleaver of the Hurricane Island Foundation (HIF) notifying the board of a number of initiatives that they are considering pursuing in 2016.*

HIF will be partnering with Maine Coastal Observing Alliance (MCOA) to do water quality monitoring around Hurricane Island and was wondering if the Town would be interested in also testing around Vinalhaven. Peter Gasperini stated the he is constantly seeing fuel oil slicks on the surface of the Harbor and it behooves the Town to figure out the source of the pollution. There was a consensus of the Board to join HIF & MCOA with the water quality monitoring.

HIF currently is currently growing sugar kelp and are discussing possibly expanding to include growing shellfish, and want to make sure that they have the community's support as they move forward.

HIF has an industrial archaeology PhD student who is interested in using Hurricane Island as his dissertation site. If there is interest on Vinalhaven, his work could encompass some sites on Vinalhaven as well.

- **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- **Accept & Appropriate Donations** – Motion by Emily Lane to accept the donations and appropriate \$600 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve, \$1,540 to the Ambulance Education Reserve, \$1,300 to the Fire Department Reserve and \$306 to the Library Reserve. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Emily Lane stated she would like to thank all of those that continue to donate. The other Board members agreed.

- **Ambulance Reports** – Reports were reviewed. There was an issue recently with the MSFS crew being short and they were unable to do an emergency run.
- **Board & Committee Appointments** – Motion by Emily Lane to appoint Deborah Tuminski as a Library Trustee for a term ending June 30, 2018. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Pam Alley to appoint Peter Gasperini to the Harbor Committee for a term ending June 30, 2017. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.

- **Knox County Sheriff's Office Report** – Report was reviewed. Andy Dorr stated that Knox County is looking into body cameras for Deputies.
- **Librarian's Report** – Report was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to advertise for the full-time Librarian position in the "Wind" on the MMA website and to place flyers around town.
- **MSFS Advisory Board Report** – Report was reviewed. Emily Lane asked about the parking study. Andy stated that they had just collected the surveys. In the case where the Tuesday propane trip is cancelled it will be changed to Thursday. Andy has suggested periodic meetings on the island with the MSFS. There was discussion on installing lock boxes on the ferries for blood transports.
- **Road Commissioner's Report** – The crew has been cleaning up from the last storm as there were lots of trees down. The pick-up truck was damaged so Andy will be taking it to Rockland on Friday for an estimate. We have an estimate of \$1,500 to install the generator that we received from ICMS at the Town Garage. We also have an estimate of \$3,500 to install the larger furnace at the Town Garage. Still not ideal conditions. Motion by Phil Crossman to spend the \$3,500 for the larger furnace at the Town Garage. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion by Emily Lane to have the generator installed at the Town

Garage. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

- **Harbor Master's Report** – *Report was reviewed. First report from our new Harbor Master. He is looking into the stacks of traps at the Parking Lot.*
- **Transfer Station** – *The Revenue and Expenditure Report was reviewed. The expenditures have exceeded the revenue. Demo is over by 73% so we are either not changing enough for demo or there are after hour drop-offs. Andy to look into with Kenny & Luther and we may need to increase the demo fee in the spring. Peter Gasperini encouraged more separation of the demo. Phil Crossman suggested looking into scales.*

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – *None*

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Liquor License Application – John Feingold d/b/a SALT Restaurant** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve and sign the Liquor License Application for John Feingold d/b/a SALT Restaurant. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried. Application was passed for signatures.*
- **Equipment Bid** – *There was a minimum bid of \$3,000. No bids were received. There was a consensus of the Board to hold onto the equipment for now.*
- **Department Goals** – *Department Goals were reviewed for the Transfer Station, Ambulance Department, Harbor Master, Fire Department and Public Safety Building.*

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Public Works Garage – RFQ Update** – *Andy Dorr reported that the Public Works Garage Committee met yesterday to review the RFQ's and what the RFP will include. There was a long discussion on considering alternate uses for the current building. There was a consensus of the Board that future uses for the current building was not the Board's intent of that committee and they felt that would cloud the issue. There was a consensus of the Board to have the Public Works Garage Committee focus on the Public Works Garage only. It is hoped to have the RFP's out by the end of the week.*

- **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

- **Treasurer's Report** – *Treasurer's Report was reviewed.*

30-day notices for Real Estate foreclosures were mailed out.

The salt order was way under ordered. Asking for approval of an additional 60 tons to mix with the remaining sand. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the increase in salt purchase. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps will become effective on July 6, 2016. We need to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations before this date. Not something to take lightly as impacts to property owners may be significant with regards to additional insurance requirements.

The Steven's trial is scheduled for next week.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve \$3,700 for the Harbor Gawker. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Jason Marriner has not done any of the requirements of the court agreement with the exception of paying the overdue taxes. We now need to have him served with a 48 hour eviction notice.

Pen Bay Stewards will be coming to the island on May 12th, 2016 to learn more about the area.

Recently learned that we need liability insurance for the aviation operation at the airstrip. Andy is in hopes to come back with a second estimate for the next meeting.

- **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – Pam Alley asked for clarification with the salt/sand issue with Union.

Phil Crossman stated the VH Reads Program would like to place books on the ferries and are running into resistance from the MSFS. The literacy group has proposed to maintain the books and would like the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Emily Lane to endorse the program as presented by the Committee. Second by Brandon Osgood. 5-0-0.

It was stated that ICMS is looking to increase their parking area but there is a question with the property lines so they have asked Delwyn Webster to survey the property. Phil Crossman asked about the ICMS relationship with the Town and where we were on meeting with their board.

- **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – Peter Gasperini stated he is impressed on how informative the meeting is but it was past his bedtime.
- **ADJOURN** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk