

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, August 31st, 2015

6:30 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Joy Mills and Chris Kolofsky.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2015 Meeting. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #9** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant's #9. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda item 6e. Road Commissioner's Report. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Time Warner Cable** – *Town Manager Andy Dorr reviewed the highlights of the annual letter.*

6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Board & Committee Appointments** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Patience Trainor to the Park Commission. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint James D. Dickey to the Harbor Committee. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Emily Lane to appoint Delwyn Webster, Bill Alcorn, Betsy Bates, Dan Bickford and Eric Gasperini to the Public Works Garage Committee. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.

- b. **Downtown Revitalization Committee** – *Andy Dorr stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee met on August 27th, 2015 to formalize the group and set goals for the winter. They will be meeting again in September.*
- c. **Vinalhaven Public Library** – *Valerie is having health issues. Volunteers have been pitching in to help.*
- d. **Wastewater/Water Department** – *Maine Water Company is planning to replace a water main on Brighton Avenue. It was suggested that we not pave that road until it has had time to settle. Andy is working to better coordinate projects with the wastewater and water companies going forward. It was suggested that Andy work with Rick Knowlton.*

- e. **Road Commissioner's Report** – *The crew is coming to an end on what they have to ditch and is looking at the third week of September for Maine Drilling and Blasting to come out. Dan Bickford also has a separate project that will help with immobilization costs. There was some warrantee work done on the new truck. Eric Gasperini stated screws or new foot rungs are needed on the Town Parking Lot railway. There was a consensus of the Board to consider snow blower units that are more applicable for us.*

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Truck Bids** – *Andy Dorr reviewed the recommendations for the Truck bids and the Dump Body/Gear bids from the Public Works Department and the Road Commissioner. Motion by Emily Lane to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department and Road Commissioner (to purchase the Western Star from Western Star of Maine with the revisions and to purchase the plow/dump body set-up from Viking/Cives Corp. with the revisions). Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Dump Body/Gear Bids** – *See 7a.*
- c. **Tax Acquired Property** – *A letter was received from Code Enforcement Officer Jacqueline Robbins stating there is not a properly working septic system at this property. This building is in violation of the Maine Subsurface wastewater rules and should not be occupied until a permitted wastewater system is installed and operating. Waiting for Health Officer recommendation. It was stated that this property is in violation and it is out of our hands.*
- d. **Main Street Sidewalk** – *A letter has been mailed to Robert Indiana by regular mail requesting that he meet with Andy Dorr and try to sign a contract outlining what he will pay for. There was a consensus of the Board to resend the letter by certified mail asking him to contact within 7 days. Landmark will be coming to the island on September 18th to layout the sidewalk along West Main Street as the plans have called for.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Approve Tax Commitment Rate** – *Tax bills have been sent with a new mil rate of .01016 or 10.16 mils per \$1,000 assessed value. This is up from 9.95 mils last year, so an increase of \$21.00 per \$100,000 assessment.*

9. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *Phil Crossman asked about the Historical Society Museum roof. Andy Dorr stated he gave the go ahead to work with the Historical Society and believes it is scheduled for mid-September.*

Phil Crossman asked about single stream recycling. Andy Dorr to look into.

Phil Crossman stated he witnessed a close to catastrophe with an ATV. It was stated that calls need to be made to Knox County Dispatch.

Brandon Osgood stated there was debris from firework on School Street. Again it was stated that calls need to be made to Knox County Dispatch.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Town Manager Andy Dorr stated he will follow-up with Rob with the ATV issues.*

Again it was stated that Landmark will be here to survey and mark the proposed sidewalk on West Main Street.

TG Higgins recommended we adopt an Ambulance Billing Policy. We have also changed how we receive PIA statements which will allow us to submit all information electronically within 10 days of the run. It was also recommended to increase the Ambulance Rates. TG Higgins is still working on the Medicare transportation issue.

After talking to David Bess and Dan Bickford, Andy Dorr suggested holding Lane Construction to the September deadline as per the bid document and if Lane is unable to do the work by the deadline then find a small outfit that can truck a couple of loads of material for the parking lot; retain any monies unspent to be used for future paving; and to repair Summer Street either with the company patching the parking lot or using cold patch, until we can finish it with the next paving job. Motion by Emily Lane to hold Lane Construction to the bid deadline of September 18th, 2015. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

There was a consensus of the Board to purchase the road software.

Financial reports were reviewed.

- 11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Chris Kolofsky asked about the material the Board agreed to put on the Isle Au Haut Mountain Road. It was stated that the deeds clearly state that it is a private road. It was stated that the town had an easement to pass over the land of John Arey. Chris stated there is no mention of a town right-of-way in his deed and he felt it puts an unfair burden on the property owners for a road to a town park. Chris stated that according to Maine Law, if a Road Association is formed the Town would have one vote and would have to contribute to the cost of maintaining the road. There was a consensus of the Board to ask for legal advice and to put on the next agenda.*

Joy Mills suggested Patterson for paving. Joy asked if there was a Town Park on Middle Mountain and if it was a private or a public road. It was stated that it is a private road and that there is a parking area with a walking path to the Town Park. Joy asked that when the lines are painted on the roads, if the line could be closer to the right on the end of the Sand's Road. Joy stated there is a hole at the entrance of the parking lot and it looks bigger under the tar. Joy stated they are now the proud owners of the Birches Building and asked about disposing of the asbestos siding. It was stated to ask at the Landfill.

- 12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk