

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, July 6th, 2015
6:30 PM
TOWN OFFICE**

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phillip Crossman, Emily B. Lane and Brandon Osgood; Town Manager Stephen Eldridge; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York.*

Also present were David Kallin, David Brown and Pam Alley.

2. **MINUTES - Approve the minutes from the June 23rd, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve the minutes from the June 23rd, 2015 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #1** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #1. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 8d. Cemeteries and 8e. Fireworks Permit at State Beach. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **MeDEP – Searsport Navigation Improvement Project** – *Information received from MeDOT on the Searsport Navigation Improvement Project was reviewed.*
- b. **MeDOT - Phil Curtis** - *Letter from Phil Curtis was reviewed. Steve stated that he put a copy in Nick’s personnel file.*

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

- a. **Park Commission** – *Bodine Ames’ resignation was tabled and Steve is going to contact Bodine.*

Motion by Emily Lane to appoint Peter Richards to the Park Commission. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Selectmen’s Goals – 2015-2016** – *Items discussed to be added to Selectmen’s Goals for 2015-2016:*
- *Use reserve funds to pave the roads already on the list and to add Summer Street, Washington School Road, and the Town Office Parking Area as far as the reserve funds will go.*
 - *Calderwood’s Neck Road – Roadside Clearing (get an estimate from Mills)*
 - *Re-negotiate Contract with the Knox County Sheriff’s Office*
 - *Sidewalks – First bridge to the bank then up “Net Factory Hill”; the sidewalks adjacent to State Aid Road; and West Main Street to the ferry were mentioned but there was no consensus on which should take priority.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Vinalhaven Eldercare Services – Vintage Vinalhaven** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the closing of Atlantic Avenue to School Street for the Vintage Vinalhaven. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Vinalhaven Ambulance Services Benefit Challenge** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to close Sand's Road from 9am to 11am on July 26th for the Benefit Challenge. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

There was a consensus of the Board to have the Poor Farm Road graded for the Benefit Challenge.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to get a ferry priority for the timer of the Benefit Challenge. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

- c. **Annual Maintenance Agreement with MeDOT** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Annual Maintenance Agreement with MaineDOT. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion Eric Gasperini to authorize Town Manager Stephen Eldridge to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried

- d. **Cemeteries** – *It was stated that we are not happy with the current mower of the cemeteries and the contract is up for renewal. Motion by Eric Gasperini to have Stephen Eldridge negotiate a contract for the cemetery mowing with David Brown. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- e. **Fireworks Permit State Beach** - *Kevin E. Hopkins is asking for permission to shoot firework at the Town owned State Beach Property. Motion by Eric Gasperini to NOT grant permission. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to revisit after a definite date is determined and if the Town is provided with a certificate of liability or a hold harmless agreement. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

- 9. **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Brandon Osgood asked about the fence at the monument and asked about shingling the bandstand. The Lion's Club is working on the fence.*

Emily Lane stated she has received complaints on the mosquitos around the Ball ground. Wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board of Selectmen. It is felt that it is as a result of digging in the area. Steve to look into.

- 10. **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *Delong would like to present a proposal on the Carrying Place Bridge. It was suggested to make it a two lane bridge and to install the new lane first then to close and work on the existing lane. Steve to ask MEDOT about making the bridge wider. There was a consensus of the Board to get cost estimates.*

The Harbor Gawker appeal has been pushed back to the 18th.

- 11. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *None*

- 12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) concerning Legal Matters** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to go into Executive Session at 7:03PM Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:04 PM Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Emily Lane to work with legal counsel to draft the wording of a warrant article on the construction of a new Town Garage and the method of funding that project and to hold a Special Town Meeting with two separate warrant articles. One for the Bond and one from taxation. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to go into Executive Session at 7:15 PM Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 PM Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter – Motion by Eric Gasperini to go into Executive Session at 7:45PM Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 PM Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

14. ADJOURN – Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Monday, July 20th, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk