

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 24th, 2015
6:30 PM
TOWN OFFICE**

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Emily B. Lane, Brandon Osgood and Dennis Warren; Town Manager Stephen Eldridge; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York. Jack Olson was absent.*

Also present was Andy Dorr, Valerie Morton, Eric Davis, Marc Candage, Phil Crossman and Earl Hamilton.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the March 4th, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the March 4th, 2015 Meeting. Second by Brandon Small. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #39** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #39. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the agenda as written but addressing the Library Budget and Draft Fireworks Ordinance first. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **4th of July Committee – Lobstermen’s Day** – *There was a consensus of the Board that this is a great community activity and to allow it yearly. If there is a problem in the future they will deal with it then.*
6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate \$150 to the Ambulance Education Reserve; \$200 to the Fire Department Reserve; and \$11 to the Library Reserve. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Board & Committee - Appointments** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Dana Barton, Elin Elisofon, Betsy Hopkins, Phil Crossman, Brandon Osgood, Kris Davidson, Holly Sault, Andy Dorr and David Wylie to the Downtown Revitalization Committee for staggered terms. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - c. **Ambulance Reports** – *Ambulance Reports were reviewed. Emily Lane asked about the list Pros and Cons on the Ambulance boat. It was stated it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.*
 - d. **Animal Control Officer's Report** – *No report received.*

- e. **Cemetery Report** – *No report received. Steve Eldridge reported the Cemetery Committee met a month ago and are adding more to Ron Nadeau budget for tree and bush removal. As soon as the ground is clear Thomas Stevens will be coming out to give an estimate on cemetery maintenance issues.*
- f. **Fire Department Report** – *Report was reviewed.*
- g. **Harbor Master's Report** – *No report received.*
- h. **Knox County Deputy's Report** – *No report received.*
- i. **Librarian's Report** – *Report was reviewed. There was a discussion on island internet service.*
- j. **Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Reports were reviewed. Steve Eldridge reviewed some of the highlights. On Monday morning when Delong was removing pilings some of the granite blocks moved. They stopped and tried to push them back into place without success. There is about 45 feet in the middle that is in danger of collapsing and the pavement has sunk in more. Bill Lane was here today to look at how to repair. Steve is currently looking for funding as this will be a very expensive project. It was also stated that the boat ramp has been hit hard from all of the ice and there are lots of cracks in the road pavement. Brandon Osgood mentioned an issue on Round the Island Road after the airport heading towards the North Haven Road. MeDOT will be here on Thursday to work on the first bridge on Main Street.*
- k. **Transfer Station Report** – *No report received.*

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Pole Easement** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Pole Easement for Rt. 10 Pole 14 East Boston Road to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Incorporated. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Draft Fireworks Ordinance** – *Marc Candage is currently working on a sign to post the fire danger outside at the Public Safety Building. There was a consensus that if a fee will be changed it will be easier to issue permits at the Town Office. There was a consensus of the Board to set a permit fee of \$10.00. Permits for Saturday or Sunday will be issued on Friday. The Town Office to email the Sheriff's Office and Fire Chief when any permits are issued. There was a discussion on trying to post any permits issued on the Town's website so neighbors could see issued permits. There was a question on enforcement and it was stated prosecution will have to be by the Town's Attorney not the District Attorney. Motion by Eric Gasperini to change fines to 1st offense \$200; 2nd offense \$300; and 3rd offense \$500 with all to include attorney fees. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Marc Candage to work on a sample permit. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the Fireworks Ordinance as amended and to send to MMA and our Attorney for review. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

c. Posting of Roads – Motion by Eric Gasperini to post the roads to limit heavy loads. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. There was a consensus of the Board to post at the Rockland Ferry Terminal and on the website.

d. 2015-2016 Budget Presentation – Library, Town Property, Capitol Projects, Donations/Social Services and Debt Service budgets were reviewed.

There was a consensus of the Board to go with the Budget Committee recommendation to increase Browns Head Lighthouse Budget to \$5,000. The Board was reminded of a meeting with the Historical Society and the Lighthouse Foundation on Thursday at 10:30 AM.

There was a discussion on the Lanes Island Bridge and the Carrying Place Bridge. There was a consensus to have engineers look at both bridges.

There was a consensus of the Board to take West Main Street Sidewalk out of the design.

There was a discussion on the reconstruction of gravel roads. It was questioned on the cost difference to pave the gravel roads. Paving was discussed. It was suggested to maybe do 4 of the roads this year. It was asked when the State will be here paving. There was a consensus to re-visit at the end of the budget.

The Landfill's backhoe needs work. Consensus of the Board to reduce Landfill Equipment Reserve to \$10,000. It was stated that if the Town Garage is approved a camera system for the whole area will be needed.

It was recommended to watch interest rates as we may to increase the amount for the 2015 Plow Truck Budget.

There was a discussion on a new Public Works Garage and Salt Shed. There were questions on a well.

There were discussions on a Snow Blower. It was suggested to have someone come out to look at our sidewalks to be sure a snow blower will fit.

9. REPORT OF MEMBERS – Emily Lane mentioned the proposals for Assessing Services. Steve stated he will be addressing in his report.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – Motion by Emily Lane to allow the Vinalhaven Chamber of Commerce to use space in the Old Fire Station. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

The meeting with the Chief Deputy was changed to 7:30 AM.

There was a discussion on the depths by the Town Pier for layovers for the ferry service. It was stated that dredging would be cheaper than building a pier.

Four proposals for Assessing Services were received. Steve Eldridge made a recommendation to go with Jacki Robbins. There was a consensus of the Board to think about it and to address in Executive Session at the next meeting.

11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – None

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, March 31st, 2015 – Immediately Following Public Hearings (MeDEP Snow Discharge General Permit & Liquor License Application for Lonnie & Kathy Morton d/b/a Harbor Gawker, Inc.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk