

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 17th, 2015
6:30 PM
TOWN OFFICE**

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

Also present was Andy Dorr.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the February 3rd, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Dennis Warren to approve the minutes from the February 3rd, 2015 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote -4-0-1 – Brandon Osgood abstained. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #34** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrants #34. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as written.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Town of North Haven** – *Board was copied on a letter The Town of North Haven wrote to Commander Rudick from the US Coast Guard, requesting a meeting and public discussion on the new policy for the transportation of propane and passengers on the Maine State Ferry Service vessels. There was a consensus of the Board to also write a letter asking for a meeting and public discussion on the new propane policy. Steve Eldridge to draft a letter.*
- b. **ICMS/Rescue** – *It was stated that a rescue boat sounds good but is too pricey. There was a consensus of the Board to set up a meeting to discuss options further with Pat, Hugh, ICMS Representatives and the Board.*
- c. **MMA Executive Committee Meeting** – *Minutes were reviewed from the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee meeting from Thursday, January 29th, 2015. Steve Eldridge reviewed a few items of interest.*

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

- a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Emily Lane to accept and appropriate \$50 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve; \$50 to the Fire Department Reserve; and \$303 to the Library Reserve. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Board & Committee - Appointments** – *Motion by Jack Olson to appoint Karol Kucinski to the Budget Committee for a term ending June 30th, 2017. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

- c. **Ambulance Reports** – *Ambulance Reports were reviewed. Steve reviewed a few highlights.*
- d. **Animal Control Officer's Report** – *No report received.*
- e. **Cemetery Report** – *No reports received. Steve reported the Cemetery Committee met two weeks ago. Ron Nadeau is planning to add a couple of weeks to his budget to start on clearing out trees and bushes. Thomas Stevens will be coming to the island in the spring to give an estimate on cemetery maintenance issues.*
- f. **Fire Department Report** – *Fire Department Report was reviewed. Steve reviewed a few highlights.*
- g. **Harbor Master's Report** – *No report received.*
- h. **Knox County Deputy's Report** – *No report received.*
- i. **Librarian's Report** – *Librarian's Report was reviewed. Steve reviewed a few highlights.*
- j. **Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Road Commissioner's Reports were reviewed. Steve stated the 3500 is back. It needed to have both back springs replaced at a cost of \$3,800. Dennis Warren asked where we are budget wise for snow removal. He stated the crew has been doing a good job but felt they jumped the gun Sunday before last and thought they should wait until 4" has accumulated before starting to plow. There was also discussion on when to shovel Main Street.*
- k. **Transfer Station Report** – *No reports received. Steve updated the board on a few items of interest.*
- l. **2014 Town Report Dedication & Memoriam** – *List of the Town's 2014 Decedents was given to the board for review.*
- m. **Wastewater Department – Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rate** – *Postponed to the next meeting.*

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **License/Permit for Fireworks Use – Harborside Wharf, LLC** – *Motion by Jack Olson to approve and have Stephen Eldridge sign on behalf of the Town the License/Permit for Fireworks Use with Harborside Wharf, LLC. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **2015-2016 Budget Presentation** – *Postponed until after the Executive Session.*
- c. **Review Financial Reports** – *Postponed until next meeting.*

9. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *Eric Gasperini asked if we should work on a Shoveling Ordinance before the next winter season. An ordinance having store owners responsible for their own section of sidewalk. It was stated that lots of businesses are seasonal and not open or have limited hours during the winter season. It was stated that such an ordinance would never fly with store owners. The questions was*

asked if we were legally responsible to have the sidewalks cleared. Steve stated he would have to check with legal counsel. It was stated that if the school had a School Bus Driver it would help!

Dennis Warren wanted to thank Mike and Tiny for winging back the roads.

Emily Lane was concerned with no Animal Control, Harbormaster or Deputy reports and would like to set up a meeting to sit down with the Sheriff to discuss the needs of the community.

Jack Olson asked about the crews dumping snow overboard and not just making piles. The Fish Plant Wharf pile is becoming a nuisance. Steve stated we did not have a MeDEP permit. Jack stated he believed that as long as the snow was not treated it was okay to dump overboard. Steve to look into.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Delong is scheduled to come to the island on the 19th to do the work for the SHIP Grant Pier Project.*

New Public Works truck is due to be picked up on Friday.

Steve has contacted the Sheriff's office about setting up a meeting during the day with the Board.

One proposal has been received for Assessing Services thus far, it closes on the 27th.

11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – *None*

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter – *Motion by Jack Olson to enter into executive session at 7:00 pm. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of executive session at 7:15 pm. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

2015-2016 Budget Presentation – *2015-2016 Budget Books were given to the Board. Steve reviewed the Budget Highlights, 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, Public Works Equipment Annual Maintenance Costs, 10-year Maintenance & Development Plan for Sidewalks and the Revenue Worksheet.*

13. ADJOURN – *Motion by Jack Olson to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: ~~Tuesday, March 3rd~~ **changed to Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 6:30pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk