

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN Tuesday, February 18th, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Jack Olson, Eric Gasperini, Jessica MacDonald Martin and Dennis Warren; Town Manager Marjorie E. Stratton. Penny Lazaro and Town Clerk, Darlene York were absent.*

Also present were: Steve Miller, Arch Gillies, Linda Gillies, Andy Dorr, Linda LaPointe, Sue Radley, High Ross, Cheryl Warren, Del Webster, Elin Elisofon, Karol Kucinski, Gigi Baas, and Neal Martin.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the February 4th, 2014 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the February 4th, 2014 meeting. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS # 34** – *Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #34. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a request to move the Budget item of Donations before Communications. There was a consensus of the Board to approve the agenda as amended.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Robert Duplisea, Vinalhaven Assessor** – *Letter was reviewed.*
 - b. **FEMA – Updated Preliminary Flood Insurance rate Maps** – *Letter reviewed.*
6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Accept and appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Jack Olson to accept and appropriate \$100 to the Ambulance Training and Education Reserve, \$650 for the Ambulance Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, \$200 for the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, \$1,257 for the Library Reserve, and \$25 for the Nativity Scene Reserve. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Ambulance Department** – *Report reviewed.*
 - c. **Library** – *Report reviewed.*
 - d. **Road Commissioner** – *No reports.*
 - e. **Transfer Station** – *Reports reviewed.*

No other reports received.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Arch Gillies** – **Discussion of Vinalhaven Selectmen support for a Request for Environmental Impact Statement or a full Supplemental Environmental Assessment on dredging project in Searsport Harbor**

Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to write a letter to US Army Corps of Engineers requesting an Environmental Impact Statement or a complete Environmental Assessment regarding the proposed dredging for Searsport Harbor. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-1-0. Jack Olson voted no. Motion carried.

Arch Gillies and Steve Miller made presentations about the proposed dredging and left some materials with the Board of Selectmen.

b. Approve and sign Notice of Determination of Presumption of Abandonment – “Enion Road”

Motion by Jack Olson to approve and sign the Notice of Determination of Presumption of Abandonment for the road known as “Enion Road”. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

c. Draft CDL Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Policy – Motion by Jack Olson to approve and adopt the CDL Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Policy. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

d. Approve and authorize Town Manager to sign Lease Agreement with Vinalhaven Historical Society. Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve and sign the lease agreement. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vinalhaven Financial Audit Report – Audit report was presented. There were no questions.

b. Land Use Ordinance Amendments – Eric Gasperini asked for this item to be place on the agenda. Gigi Baas, Planning Commission Chair asked why the Board of Selectmen are considering this change to the Vinalhaven Land Use Ordinance. Jack stated that with a 12 foot pier, you can't get four rows of traps. The 16 feet give you the ability to stack four rows of traps. Sixteen feet is also a standard length of lumber. Gigi also stated that this amendment will have to be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection division of Shoreland Zoning. Gigi went on the say that an amendment should not be reactive. The Planning Commission is meeting February 19th at 7:00 p.m. They will make sure this amendment is consistent with other parts of the Land Use Ordinance.

c. Budget Meeting

1. Law Enforcement – Eric Gasperini asked why there is such a big difference in the lodging portion of the budget. Marjorie explained that we budgeted for the small apartment on Pleasant Street which was heated for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. We are now paying for an unheated apartment. Eric would like to discuss the housing issue when we renegotiate the contract with Knox County. Budget reviewed...

2. Harbor Master – Budget reviewed.

3. Insurance – Budget reviewed.

4. Soc. Sec / Medicare – Budget reviewed.

5. Animal Control – Budget reviewed.

6. **Transfer Station** – *Budget reviewed.*
7. **General Assistance** – *Budget reviewed*
8. **Donations** – **New request from VH Eldercare Services:** *Several people attended in support of the warrant article for Vinalhaven Eldercare Services. A petition was presented to the Board of Selectmen.*
9. **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *There was a discussion about the Public Works Department. Marjorie stated that any discussion about specific employees should be in executive session.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER –

As suggested by our insurance company, MMA, we are getting appraisals done on Town owned art. We are also trying to get Andy Swift over to appraise the Old Rueben and other Fire Department artifacts.

Auto excise tax is 7.97% above the previous year and 27.8% above budgeted revenue.

Treasurer's Report presented.

Tax Acquired Property – The Town foreclosed on the property owned by Shawn Eaton at Map 9, Lot 21D. The Selectmen asked the Town Manager to write a letter to Mr. Eaton giving him 30 days to pay all that is owed on the property or the Town will proceed with the sale of the property.

Calendar was reviewed.

11. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – **Andy Dorr** talked about the first community Economic Development meeting for Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a pot luck dinner and discussion about economic development; what is good and what is bad, etc. This is the first of three community meetings.
12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – *Motion by Jack Olson to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(a) to discuss a personnel matter at 8:14 p.m. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Olson to allow Marc Candage to take sick leave when his domestic partner, Darlene York is out attending to her illness. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.
13. **ADJOURN** – *Motion by Dennis Warren to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Second by Jack Olson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie E. Stratton, Town Manager