

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 25th, 2016
Immediately Following Public Hearing (6:00 PM)
TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Jessica MacDonald Martin, Delwyn Webster and Pat Lundholm.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the September 27th, 2016 Meeting and the October 11th, 2016 Meeting** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the September 27th, 2016 Meeting and the minutes from the October 11th, 2016 Meeting as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #17** - *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #17. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 5a. Betsy Bates – Donation Request; 7b. Broadband Taskforce; 7c. Harbor Committee; 9c. Winter Road Closures; 9d Historic Sites; and 9e. Ambulance Equipment. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Betsy Bates – Donation Request** – *An email was received asking for the Board to consider making a donation for food for Wyman Philbrook’s funeral service. Motion by Emily Lane to donate \$50 from Selectmen’s Contingency. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0.*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Delwyn Webster asked if the Board had thought about if Question 1 on the November 8th ballot passes (to legalize marijuana), as municipalities can set their own rules. It was stated it would be treated the same as alcohol and would be according to state laws.*
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Road Commissioner’s Reports** – *The past 2 weeks the crew has been working on blasting cleanup and will be probably for the next 2 weeks as well. Blasting is coming along well. Property owners in the pull-off areas have been allowing for the temporary storage of the mats.*
 - b. **Broadband Taskforce** – *There was a meeting with the Broadband Taskforce, GWI, Fairpoint, and Time Warner to discuss perspectives on the next steps. Hope to have a few workshops over the winter to teach/show how to use the internet in different ways. Emily Lane asked about the Speed Space. Andy stated it would be shutting down as it is not being used. It is hoped to open*

it again next year. Andy and Emily will be attending a Broadband workshop in Hallowell tomorrow.

- c. Harbor Committee** – *There was a Harbor Committee meeting on Monday, October 24th and another one is scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 7:00 PM here at the Town Office. A few problems mentioned at the meeting included rules not being followed, user conflicts with moorings, utility floats and lobster gear in the harbor, speeds in the harbor and the tidiness of the Town Wharfs. It was suggested to use a numbering system for moorings.*

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Veteran's Memorial** – *It has been asked if a lawyer could look at the property lines. A surveyor was having trouble identifying through the deeds, especially back in the 1940's. Motion by Eric to approve hiring a lawyer to look at the deeds. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried. Eric asked Andy to let the board know before it turns into something terribly expensive (It was assumed to be a couple hundred dollars).*
- b. Safety Audit Update** – *Last week Safety Works visited the island for 1 ½ days to conduct a penalty free safety audit. Every town building was visited with more time being spent at the Fire and Ambulance Departments. There was nothing glaring or alarming found but it will take 30 days for the report. Lots of policy updates need to be done as well as a few minor tweaks for each department.*
- c. Winter Road Closures** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to close the roads to winter maintenance as listed. (Bayview Cemetery Road – past Chris Guilford's; Dean Lane; George Wright Road; Hopkins Point Road; Mills Farm Road; Ritz Road – from the Philbrook property to the Becker property; Shore Acres Road – from the beginning of the paved hill to terminus; Tip Toe Mountain Road – from Tip Toe Mountain Parking Area to terminus; and Young Road – past Gross') Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*
- d. Historic Sites** – *Andy Dorr had pictures of the Galamander wheels splitting and pulling apart from the structures. Looking for a wheel wright. It was suggested to contact a Shaker Village. There is only 1 other Galamander known to be in existence. Any grant money will be donor specific. Jessica MacDonald Martin stated that she belonged to a carriage group and would try to get some names and numbers to Andy. Andy is working with the Historical Society but there is no money set aside for this now.*
- e. Ambulance Equipment** – *Pat Lundholm asked the Board to approve the purchase of Lithium Batteries for Lifepak 12. Part of the vehicle maintenance policy is to make R1 the front line vehicle for several runs and days every month. When switching, some of the equipment is swapped as well. Currently the Lifepaks are not as they have different plug in systems, different batteries and a different mount. If we purchased the lithium batteries we would be able to switch Lifepaks. Pat has also been assured that when we sign our new maintenance contract for 2017, we will be able to sign for a three year contract. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the expenditure from the Ambulance Equipment Reserve for the Lithium Batteries, charger and stand. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Moving forward with the preliminary design for Carrying Place Bridge. There will be a meeting Wednesday with Bill Lane of Gartley & Dorksy to review the*

timeline and road plans. Need to plan a meeting in November to allow feedback and questions with stakeholders.

Our financial audit was conducted last week, the preliminary audit appears to indicate there was an under commitment of taxes for last year. Everything was voted on and approved at the annual town meeting but \$400,000 was voted to be spent from fund balance. We are waiting to hear from the auditors and MMA legal on our options.

The wood chipper was damaged in a MV accident. A police report was filed and we are waiting for an estimate on damages to complete the insurance report.

The Galamander Shelter was damaged in a MV accident. Waiting for a follow-up from the Deputy and will assess the damage this week.

We have engaged with VTS and our new website should be up and running by the end of February.

School crosswalk signs are here. Catch basin cleaning was done last week.

Thomas Stevens Co will be coming out next week to conduct work in Carver's Cemetery.

Landmark recommended the proposed drainage work be done even if a paved extension is utilized.

First quarter financial report was reviewed.

- 11. REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Phil Crossman emailed that 1. He would like the meeting minutes available by Friday following meetings. 2. He asked about the Harbor Ordinance. (There was a Harbor Committee meeting last night and another one is scheduled for November 14th, 2016) 3. He asked about the Solid Waste Ordinance. (There will be an ad in this weeks "Wind" asking for members.) 4. He met with an acquaintance that was an attorney for Robert Indiana and discussed the sidewalk issue.*

Eric Gasperini asked if JBI would be filling the trenches. Pam Alley stated that she had emailed Rick with complaints she has received. The areas that are complete are scheduled to be paved next week.

Emily Lane stated there is an ongoing problem of ATV's and kids racing in the streets. Andy stated that a Knox County Supervisor was here and stated that this is an issue all across the State.

Emily Lane asked to have something in the "Wind" to clean up the rope, traps and the sailboat from the wharf before it snows.

Pam Alley just had an update on the Water District project, which has already been discussed

- 12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk