



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting with BOS and Budget Committee

1. **Roll Call** - Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Jacob Thompson, Phil Crossman, and Donald Poole; and Town Manager Andrew Dorr. Pam Alley was absent.
Also present: Budget Committee Members Bill Alcorn, Janann Sherman, Lucy McCarthy and Eric Davis; Dan Bickford and Scott Candage.
2. **Library** - Scott Candage was present to discuss Library goals. Goals include more social media outreach and a membership drive. Scott would also like to work on creating a Strategic Plan for the Library.
3. **Transfer Station** - Andy discussed Transfer Station goals including a waste study, replacing the sticker system with color coded bags, discussion on a price increase, and replacement of the solid waste compactor (there may be enough in the reserve to cover this). There was discussion on getting a cover for the demo container to eliminate water/snow weight and possibly looking into a compactor for demo. Long-term looking to replace the skid-steer. Dump fees collected offset this budget. This line is proposed at a decrease from last year. There was discussion on if the prices are increased, to consider a higher price in the summer to recognize the increased volume and necessary ferry trips.
4. **Public Works** - Dan Bickford was present to discuss Public Works goals. Goals include leasing an excavator, blasting ledge on the Poor Farm Road, create a road surface management plan and discover the base material of our roads, replacement of dump truck and pickup truck, look into a front-end loader to keep at the salt shed, a generator for emergency power at the new Public Works facility (there is a smaller generator available, but it believed it will not handle running the new facility), and small equipment and tools at the new facility. Dan briefly talking about the flooding at Vinal Cove and a system of levees that could control the flow of water. Bill Alcorn asked about looking into renting/leasing an excavator from someone on-island that could save on trucking. Long-term looking to replace the 2001 8500 and 2012 pick-up. There was discussion on the amount of sand/salt used this year and (hopefully) getting more out of the stock next year where it will be under cover. There was discussion on use of the grader and its eventual replacement. There was discussion on the Downtown Master Plan and the work to be done on Main Street and grant funding being requested. Increase in the Road Repair line are due to equipment rental fees, guard rail replacement, and roadside tree trimming.
5. **Capital Projects/Reserves** - Andy ran down the list of reserve accounts. There was discussion on the Road Repair line. There was discussion on use of the Harbor Reserve fund and the Public Works Equipment Reserve fund. There was discussion on the funds available in the Police Cruiser Reserve line and re-appropriating that now that Knox County is taking that responsibility.
6. **Debt Services** - Increase due to first full year payments on DPW facility, Carrying Place Bridge project, and 2019 paving project.
7. **Adjourn** - Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk