



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting with BOS and Budget Committee

1. **Roll Call** - Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phil Crossman, Pam Alley, and Donald Poole; and Town Manager Andrew Dorr. Jacob Thompson was absent.
Also attending virtually – Budget Committee members Margaret Qualey, Lucy McCarthy, Bill Alcorn, and Janann Sherman; Marc Candage, and Kerry McKee
2. **Law Enforcement** – Last years budget reflected an increase to allow for coverage for 7 nights a week/a second deputy. Increase in this budget would be in lodging and contracted services. There was discussion on lodging and utilities.
3. **Fire Dept.** – Marc Candage gave an overview of short-term and long-term budget items including training new interior firefighters, BOL Requirements, inspections and maintenance, upgrading and replacing equipment (including radios, hoses, and a replacement for E4.) There was discussion on the age of the trucks in the FD fleet (all are over 20 years old, with the exception of one being 18), how much is currently in reserve, new vs. used, and size limit due to that bay also being taken up by the boiler room.
4. **Ambulance** – Kerry said calls were down 16% this year. Kerry talked about subscribing to “Went to Work,” a scheduling program that will be better for tracking hours, and they are going to do a free trial of that in June. She also mentioned a new program that allows the ambulance to bill for no-transport calls so that will increase revenue, but will include the ability to use telemedicine via iPad and there may be a cost for education. After a lot of meetings and hearings about being able to use PIA as a medical transport the outcome has been that one of the places will need to be licensed as an ambulance, which shouldn’t cost any money, but will require time to get that settled.
5. **Public Safety** – Marc gave an overview of short-term and long-term budget items for the Public Safety Building including purchasing pagers (for both FD and EMS); cleaning, finishing, and maintenance on the building.
6. **Harbor Master** – Andy lead discussion on this item. There was discussion on grants for harbor improvements (boat launch and pilings). There is money requested for an additional float at the Ferry Terminal Town float. There was discussion on the old ferry crib work – removal/stabilization?
7. **CEO/LPI** – Faye wasn’t able to attend this meeting so Andy spoke for this department. There was discussion on digitizing records, gathering information on SLZ, and the purchase and implementation of GIS software. Lucy asked that better zoning maps, particularly wetlands, be included in the goals.
8. **Animal Control** – No change on this budget line.
9. ~~Library~~ - rescheduled for 3/16 meeting.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk