



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. **Roll Call** - Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phil Crossman (remotely), Pam Alley, Donald Poole, and Jacob Thompson; and Town Manager Andrew Dorr.

Also attending virtually - Gabe McPhail and Matt Jablonski

2. **Approve Agenda** - Remove Executive Session. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Minutes** - **Approve the minutes from the January 5, 2020 meeting.** *Motion by Jacob Thompson to approve the minutes. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-1. Donald Poole abstained. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #29** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #29. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** –
 - a. **Town of Islesboro** - Islesboro's Board shared a couple letters that they have sent to the DEP regarding a plastic spill in Penobscot Bay.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** - None
 - b. **Planning and Community Development**
 - i. **Committee Policy Update** - The Board received a memo based on the work Matt and Gabe have been working on. Gabe provided a draft policy for the Board to review. The Board thought the draft looked good. Phil thought it was a drastic change from how committees did their work in the past and the Board will have to be mindful to make sure everyone is on task and conforms to these perfectly reasonable guidelines. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Committee Guidelines Policy. Second by Pam Alley.* Gabe asked about bringing the policy to the committee chairs for their review before making it final. *Eric Gasperini withdrew his motion until after committees have had time to review the policy.* Donald Poole asked about adding something on dissolving committees if they have completed their task.

- ii. Downtown Project Updates** - Gabe gave an update on the Downtown Project funding. The goal is to submit the EDA grant in February and know if it is accepted by May.
- c. Fox Islands Broadband Task Force** - There is a second Community Broadband conversation being held tomorrow, January 20. This is a conversation with Long Island and their work with partnering with Consolidated Communications. Next Wednesday there will be another conversation with Islesboro and their work building their own broadband system.
- d. Sea Level Rise** - The SLR committee completed the pilot stage of the tide monitoring program. The committee is hoping to develop a guide for property owners on Vinalhaven with information about certain implications of SLR. One of the things the committee has slowly been working on is looking to develop a youth climate action program. Gabe has written a proposal to the Island Institute to get a grant to cover her extra time that will be involved with working on the property owner's guide and the youth climate action program.
- e. Waste Watchers** - The town doesn't have a sustainable waste management plan. Andy and Gabe have been discussing working with a UMaine Grad Student(s) to develop a plan - creating policy and practice recommendations, recommendations on facility improvements, and establish baseline for diversion goals.
- f. Road Commissioner's Report** - The Board reviewed the Road Commissioners report. Jake asked about the blocked off spot in the parking lot. Andy said that was for a barge-load of material for the salt/sand shed. The Public Works crew did help clean up some blow-downs from the last wind storm. Sheridan is supposed to be here next week to start on the updates to the new town garage.
- g. Harbor Master** - The Board reviewed the Harbor Masters recommendations and requests. He notes work on the boat launches, covering pilings to deter rot, float maintenance, and HM boat issues. He also asks about mooring inspections and mooring fees. The Board went down through the summary:
 - i.** Andy will get figures for installing ladders at the Town Parking lot.
 - ii.** There was discussion on replacing the hard plastic caps.
 - iii.** It was discussed to have Kolofsky work on the hinges this summer
 - iv.** There was discussion on the cost of new floats at the Ferry wharf.
 - v.** There was discussion on cost for cleaning and maintenance of floats.
 - vi.** There was discussion on grants available for fixing the boat launches. (Which could include money to recover/replace pilings.)
 - vii.** There was discussion on the amount of use the town skiff gets and its use by the HM and emergency services and the possibility of sharing the cost of a new engine and/or radar.
 - viii.** The Board thought moving lobster cars/floats to the SE was a good idea.
 - ix.** No discussion
 - x.** See i.
 - xi.** There was discussion on who is authorized to inspect moorings and the frequency.
 - xii.** No discussion
 - xiii.** No discussion

8. Old Business

- a. Airstrip** - Andy walked the property lines of the airstrip with Marc Candage and (on a separate occasion) with one of the abutters, trying to locate markers. There was discussion on the amount of material needed and cost. There was discussion on fees for either another survey and/or if land acquisition is involved.

9. New Business - None

10. Report of Town Manager – The attorneys are reviewing the Personnel Policy updates. The CEO/LPI is out on leave and Andy has been working to issue permits. Andy shared legislative bulletins on bills to keep an eye on. Andy is continuing to look into the TIF agreement and about modifying it. The Land Trust organized a roadside clean up yesterday (Monday 1/18), Marc is going to be meeting with North Haven emergency services about some changes they are looking to address. Work has started on Carrying Place Bridge and the Salt Shed. The work on the garage will start next week.

11. Report of Members –

- a. **Pam Alley** - asked about the “Meadow” and culvert on the Round the Island Road. Del Webster owns property in that area also and expressed his concern. There was discussion on what can be done by the Town and/or the State about the flooding of the North Haven Road.
- b. **Jake Thompson** - asked about when the Thompson would be back. It was expected back by the end of the month. There was discussion on MSFS workers and where they fall on covid vaccinations - essential workers, emergency personnel, etc.
- c. **Phil Crossman** - Phil spoke with Kevin about the boat launch ramps.

~~**12. Executive Session** – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) – Legal Matter~~

13. Adjourn - Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk