



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

5:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Eric Gasperini, Pam Alley, Jake Thompson, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker

Also present: Pat Lundholm, Jeff Aronson, Wes Reed, and Amy Lear. Gabe McPhail attended virtually.

2. **Minutes – Approve the minutes from the November 30, 2021 meeting** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrants # 24** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #24. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – Add 9f. VH ET3 Withdrawal. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – Pat Lundholm gave an update on the Swap Shop. In just seven weeks they have taken in over three tons of stuff! Everything has been working very well and having the space has worked great. Amy Lear took 70 pounds of stuff that was less than perfect to Goodwill that they readily accepted. Amy asked about setting up a donation box that can either be donated to another organization (like the flea market does), or to put toward expenses at the Town Garage. There has been discussion on a tool or dish “library” where people could rent/borrow tools or dishes for an event, giving items to an organization that they could then sell online, and paying for the vehicle ticket of someone who is willing to deliver items to Goodwill or Pope Memorial Humane Society.
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
  - a) **Planning Commission** – Jeff and Wes were present from the Planning Commission. The committee is ready to receive the aviation ordinance back for review. They will review ordinances created by other towns and their process. The committee is willing to take on the revisions.
  - b) **Road Commissioner** – The Public Works crew is building panels to place around the Galamander. Material continues to come via ferry with the final loads coming in the next couple weeks. Ditching is still ongoing. Andy continues to draft job descriptions for the PW foreman and Road Commissioner.
8. **Old Business**
  - a) **Portrait of a Graduate Update** – None
  - b) **Downtown Project Update** – Andy gave an update of the discussion from last week (Zoom “Coffee Hour” conversation). Grant paperwork should be wrapped up by the end of the month. On Thursday (12/16) Brent Bridges (W&C) will be on-island for another Stakeholder meeting. Further monthly meetings are planned for January and February and monthly meetings continue with the Water Dist. as well (the next being on 1/6/2022). There was discussion on the timeline of the project. Andy said they will be applying for a SHIP grant.

**9. New Business**

- a) **Quarry Preservation Ordinance Review** – See 9b.
- b) **Emergency Management Ordinance Review** - Items a) and b) were taken up together. *Motion by Jake Thompson to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held January 4, 2022, at 5pm at the Vinalhaven Town Office to take up Articles 1 through 3, Quarry Ordinance and Emergency Management Ordinance. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- c) **Aircraft Launching and Landing Ordinance Review** - Deferred to the Planning Commission.
- d) **Downtown Project Outreach and Project Support Contract** – This is a contract with Gabe McPhail for work on the Downtown Project. There is money already budgeted, and this contract would be for January to June. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract. Second by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- e) **BOEM Offshore Wind RFI: Guidance to Mitigate Impact to Fisheries** – RFI comments are due January 7, 2022. There was a consensus of the Board to draft a statement. Donald asked if North Haven planned on submitting anything and if it would be weighted more to have a joint statement or separate. Jake suggested contacting Friendship or Bristol and getting input from those towns. Andy also said he will reach out to colleagues in Massachusetts. There was discussion on the financial structure. There was also discussion on including a clause to restore the area to a previous state when/if no longer in use.
- f) **Vinalhaven ET3 Withdrawal** – Pat Lundholm said the program has proved not appropriate for Vinalhaven. There are many emails and trainings to go through, but the crews have yet to use the program. A formal letter is required to withdraw from the program. *Motion by Jake Thompson to write a letter or withdrawal from the ET3 program. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

**10. Report of Town Manager** – The Board reviewed Andy’s memo. There was discussion on mowing and/or burning the Ballground, and the timing of those actions.

**11. Report of Members** - None

**12. Adjourn** – *Motion to adjourn by Jake Thompson at 6:19pm. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk*