



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

6:00 pm

Following joint meeting with Budget Committee

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

Also present: Gabe McPhail and Elin Elisofon.

2. **Approve Agenda** - Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #37 as well as all Department Reports/Appointments were removed. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.
3. **Minutes** - Approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 meeting by Eric Gasperini. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-1. Donald Poole abstained. Motion carried.*
4. ~~**Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant 37**~~
5. **Communications** – None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - ~~a. **Housing Committee**~~ Elin Elisofon was present for the meeting so she gave a brief update on the Housing Committee reformation and their new initiative. Phil added he was enthusiastic about this group. He suggested adding manageable, assisted housing for the elderly. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to create a Housing Committee with members Elin Elisofon, Hooper Brooks, Patrick Sault, Claire Jackson, Dorothy Jeffers, Kathi Young, Pam Kittredge, Tim McAvoy, and Patrick Trainor. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - ~~b. **Capital Projects Updates**~~
 - ~~c. **Law Enforcement**~~
 - ~~d. **Road Commissioners Report**~~
8. **Old Business** - None
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Municipal Quitclaim Deed** - Two properties went through the foreclosure process. One of those has been paid in full by the property owner. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the Quitclaim deed pending the check payment clears. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
10. **Report of Town Manager** – Andy gave an update on the Carrying Place Bridge. Footings are ready to be poured and once the culvert is in place they will reuse the granite to face the bridge. Work continues at the Public Works garage. Interior walls are being sheet rocked. Rubb had an opening in their schedule and if everything lines up work could begin the salt/sand shed soon, otherwise they are scheduled to start in May. Andy mentioned a couple potential grants to apply for - one for boating facilities, which would

be used for the boat launch ramps etc., and the other Coastal Communities Grant, which would be used for water testing in connection to shellfish management. Another vaccine clinic is scheduled for this coming weekend (200 doses expected to be administered). Andy and Linnell Mather are working on a draft ordinance for SLR/Resiliency. And later this week Andy has a meeting with the Governor's Office of Policy, Innovation, and the Future on how the government will help the proposed changes to the lobster fishery.

Phil Crossman arrived.

11. Report of Members –

- a. Phil Crossman** - asked about a meeting with the DEP regarding zoning issues. Faye is working on a date to have representatives to come out and look at a couple properties with potential shore land zone violations.
 - asked if the Planning Commission to put the zoning ordinance on their agenda to review, as well as on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting.
 - MSFS Advisory Board Meeting the "Safety Team" has presented plan that would do away with using line cars, and would use a "chute" system, meaning you would put the vehicle you were using in a queue 90 minutes before the ferry you wanted to go on and that would be the extent of the line (you could not be in that line for a later ferry). North Haven's Advisory Board member John Emmerson, their Town Manager Rick Lattimer, and Phil were all present at this meeting and all voices a strong objection to that proposal. There will be an ad in the upcoming Wind encouraging the community to contact representatives. Phil will work with John Emmerson and Rick Lattimer to draft a joint communication from both communities.
 - asked if anyone had discussed who to dedicate the Town Report to. Darlene is in the process of emailing all departments and will be requesting recommendations from the Board soon.
- b. Jacob Thompson** - It has reached Jake, who is in FL, that there was a positive COVID test on the island and the information going around is it was due to a recent COVID vaccine shot. He asked if the EOC could put out information clearing up the misconception around that information.

12. Adjourn - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk