



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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

Also attending virtually – Gabe McPhail and Matt Jablonski.

2. **Approve Agenda** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Minutes - Approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting.** *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrant #35** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant #35. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**
 - a. **Road Commissioners Report** – The Board reviewed the Commissioners report. There was discussion on the sand pile getting low.
 - b. **Sewer Department**
 - i. **Low BOD and TSS Follow-up** – In November one of the tests came back of concern. Will Calkins' has worked up a plan for correcting issues and continued testing.
 - c. **Capital Projects/Engineers Report** – Reports are coming in weekly. The temporary bridge is being used now at Carrying Place. The deck of the old bridge has been taken off. Work is continuing at the Public Works building. There are work orders for the boat launch ramps, the North Haven Road flooding issue, and High Street sidewalks in the works.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **NFIP LOMR** – Follow up from Ransom Memo/Public Presentation – Ransom has found some errors in the basic formulas used in the maps around Penobscot Bay. To review just Main Street was quoted at around \$15,000, or a review of the whole island of \$75,000-\$100,000. Any

properties in the flood zone would have insurance issues and/or property value issues, among other things.

- b. **Transfer Station Layout – W&C Concept Layout** – Given that the retaining wall at the Transfer Station will need to be replaced soon, Woodard and Curran have been working on concept drawings for a new layout. There was agreement to share this design with the Waste Watchers Committee as well as the employees.

9. New Business

- a. **Charter Communications Cable Franchise Agreement – Review Agreement** – The Board discussed the agreement with Charter Communications (Spectrum).
- b. **FY22 Draft Budget – Schedule Review** – Budget books are ready. The Budget Committee has met to discuss a schedule. It is proposed to meet Monday (3/8), Wednesday (3/10), and Monday (3/16) from 4 to 7 pm.
- c. **Restricting Vehicle Weight – Approve road postings** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize the Road Commission and Deputy Road Commission to post roads to weight restrictions. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- d. **FOA Records Retention – Review quote and possible action** – ArchiveSocial is an archiving service that would consolidate all the Towns social media posts and videos into one location and save them for future reference. There was discussion on spending \$3000 just for backing up Facebook videos and comments. Social media has been a valuable tool for outreach and community engagement, but under the FOA Act the Town is legally bound to be able to produce documents and/or records that have been publicly posted. *Motion by Phil Crossman to subscribe to the ArchiveSocial service. Second by Pam Alley.* Gabe proposed the question another way and asked the Board what is the value of being able to share information through Facebook and other social media channels. If the Board decides not to use this program, there would most likely be some cost for another method of storage until all information could be backed-up and saved. Eric asked Phil to clarify his motion to state whether to enter into an agreement for the remainder of this fiscal year, and/or to also enroll for next fiscal year. *Phil Crossman amended his motion to: subscribe to the ArchiveSocial service through FY 21/22. Second by Pam Alley.* Jake asked what would happen at the termination of the agreement. Would the digital content be given to the Town for storage on the server? Gabe said at anytime you can download an archived file. Jake said he would like to see what this service provides before committing to a year subscription. *Phil amended his motion to: subscribe to the ArchiveSocial service though the remainder of this fiscal year (March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020). Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- 10. **Report of Town Manager** – The Board reviewed Andy's report. There was discussion on the updated DMR shellfish closure/restricted areas and testing possibilities to help identify the issue. There was discussion on the Covid vaccination schedule.

11. Report of Members –

- a. **Eric Gasperini** – Eric mentioned a piece of legislation that is being discussed regarding banning offshore wind projects in State waters. Eric asked if they were asking for public support that the town submit something. There was discussion on the time for public comment.
- b. **Jake Thompson** – Asked Pam about creating maybe a couple parking spots where the Public Works just cleared around the ballground for sledding. There was discussion on looking into what permits would be needed and talking to MCHT.

12. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk