



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

5:30 pm

Town Office

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Pam Alley, Eric Gasperini, Jacob Thompson, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also attending virtually: Deputy Chad Abbott
2. **Minutes – Approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant #4** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant #4. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications**
 - a. **Speeding Vehicles – Pond St.** – A letter was received from a resident on Pond Street regarding speeding. There was discussion on lowering the speed limit and the process to do so. There was discussion on trimming back the shoulders to increase visibility and the ability to pull over (or step off when walking) because it is such a narrow road.
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – None
7. **Committee and Department Reports and Appointments**
 - a. **Appointment to the Board of Appeals** – Jeff Aronson would like to be appointed to the Board of Appeals. *Motion by Jake Thompson to appoint Jeff Aronson to the Board of Appeals. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Animal Control & Harbor Master Report** – The report was not ready at the time of the meeting and was tabled until the next meeting.
 - c. **Road Commissioner** – The Board reviewed the Road Commissioners report. Phone and Internet are still waiting to be hooked up at the new building, so for now computer work is still being done at the old building. After discussion with the electrician, the diesel fuel tank needs to be moved (at the new building). The roadside trimmer is coming the second week of August. Both “everyday” vehicles are at Rockland Ford for diesel system maintenance. They don’t get run to a high enough RPM for the system to clean itself and therefore it was suggested to consider gas vehicles in the future.
 - d. **Knox County Sheriff** – Deputy Abbott attended remotely. There was discussion on unregistered and uninspected vehicles, unlicensed drivers, and the fact that most people know when he is on and off island and that’s when the most issues occur. Andy said that he and Rick Lattimer will be talking to Knox about what will happen if Deputy Lemoi attends the academy later this summer and the issues with only having one deputy on either island. There was discussion on parking tickets, parking on sidewalks, and parking the wrong way along Main Street. Deputy Abbott said he could ticket for those offences based on the ordinance and if the Town got the tickets.

8. Old Business

- a. **Remote Meeting Policy** – There was discussion on clarification on being able to meet virtually if members of the Board were on vacation, missed the last ferry home, or are away for work/business. There was discussion on being able to advertise remote meetings in advance and the availability of material pertinent to the meetings. *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the Remote Participation Policy with the correction of typos. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

9. New Business

- a. **FY 22 Sewer Budget** – Commissioner's recommendations and considerations for approval. There is an expected 6.8% increase in the sewer budget. Increases include inspection and cleaning of lines, pump station upgrades, and safety improvements. *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the Wastewater Department budget expenses at \$368,350.00. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. Report of Town Manager – The Board reviewed Andy's report. He has been asked to join the Fisheries Workgroup for Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap. There was discussion on creating a sub-group on-island to talk through ideas and issues (Andy has already spoken with Millie Martin at the VH Fisherman's Co-op about contributing, and other lobster buyers may be interested as well). The GIS maps are ready to be launched on the Town's website, and Matt Jablonski's work continues with the Housing Committee.

11. Report of Members

- a. Donald Poole asked if the next meeting could be held in 3 weeks, on Wednesday, August 18. That would allow him to attend the next meeting as well as adjust the following meetings so as to not meet right after the Labor Day weekend. The Board agreed.
- b. Donald Pooled asked about conducting an analysis of the water table. There was discussion on being able to use ARPA funds for this, but the guidelines for these funds are still being discussed. Pam also wondered if Maine Water may be able to help with this project.
- c. Parking concerns around the Flea Market were discussed. It was suggested to contact the organizers of the Flea for their assistance addressing this problem.
- d. Pam Alley requested the Harbor Master look into traps left in the Main Street parking lot for long periods of time. And also 6 boat trailers that have been left at the Fish Plant parking lot (West Main St.).
- e. Pam Alley asked about setting a couple of moorings with high flyers around the ledges entering Sands Cove. Other markers that have been placed there tend to move. There was a consensus of the Board to have Andy look into the cost.

12. Adjourn – *Motion to adjourn at 6:57 by Donald Poole. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Upcoming:

BOS Meetings : August 18, 2021 (Wednesday)
: August 31, 2021 (Tuesday)