MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN

PUBLIC HEARING

Harbor Ordinance

Monday, April 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Office

Those in attendance: *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Donald Poole, Jacob Thompson, and Phil Crossman; Town Manager Andrew Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker*

Also present:

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| *Eric Davis* | *Joe Martin* | *Fritz Lord* |
| *Dan Martin* | *Lee Oxton* | *Earl Hamilton* |
| *Wayne D. Young* | *Gus Radley* | *Evan Traits* |
| *Jim Knowlton* | *Pete Gasperini* | *Gabe McPhail* |
| *Pam & Jim Grumbach* | *Doris Warren* | *Reagan Warren* |
| *Dylan Hunsinger* | *Walter Day* | *Richard Williams* |
| *Virginia Wadleigh* | *Andrew Guptill* | *Chris Radley* |
| *Troy Wadleigh* | *Wesley Wentworth* | *Steve Rosen* |

Selectmen Eric Gasperini opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Andrew Dorr gave a brief summary of changes being made to the Harbor Ordinance.

Discussion:

Changes to the Harbor Ordinance include no longer allowing boat trailers to be kept (stored) at the Fish Plant Wharf, charging for long term parking at the Fish Plant Wharf, requiring skiffs to be permitted to tie up at Town floats, no lobster gear to be fished inside the harbor, and mooring issues (space, availability, and lobster car conditions).

Fees collected would be used solely for harbor improvements - ladders, floats, boat launch, spilings, etc.

There was a suggestion to charge to use the wharf vs. mooring fees. This has been considered but would then require someone to be ‘on duty’ to patrol/enforce. Also discussed a yearly permit.

A partial inventory of moorings was done in 2008, but nothing was completed.

There was discussion on limiting the size of skiffs/punts at the Town floats to 14’ and require a permit to tie up - Impose a sticker system.

There was discussion on extending a 48-hour parking limit to the Town Parking Lot.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35pm.