



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

Town Office/Virtual Hybrid
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
5:00 PM

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Pam Alley, Don Young, Ladd Olson, Thomas Anthony, and Leslie Dyer (via zoom); Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present: Jason Day, Banner Moffatt, Andrea Hogan and daughter, Greta McCarthy, Jean Conway, Stephanie Mills, Keeley Philbrook, Laura McCarthy, Matt Crosier, Johnny McCarthy, Ali McCarthy, Dan Bickford, Alan Peterson, Sarah Crossman, Doris Warren, Ashley Weller, Virginia Wadleigh, Mike Bunker, Deputy Josh Lemoi, and Millie Martin all in person; Gabe McPhail, Danielle Crosier, Lucy Bickford, and Claudia Dengler via zoom.
2. **Approve Agenda – Add 5b. Musical Rampage Concerns.** *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve Minutes – Approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 Meeting.** *Motion by Tom Anthony to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants #4** – *Motion by Tom Anthony to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #4. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

It was agreed to discuss **5b. Musical Rampage Concerns** at this time: Ali McCarthy addressed the board with some concerns she had received since announcing when and where Musical Rampage would be held, approved at the last meeting. A few Main Street businesses have expressed concern over parking issues. Millie said there are 20 spaces along Main Street for parking as well as by the former Public Works building/Swap Shop, plus Webster's Field/Flea Market Field. It has been questioned why not to hold it on Sunday instead of Saturday. The committee felt that a Saturday evening would produce the best turn out. The event has been held on a Sunday in the past and comments at that time were to have it on a Saturday. There was also discussion on the disruption to business or lack of patronage due to the event. Those present felt that drawing more people to Main Street could only attract more business during and after the event. It was asked what the committee envisioned the set-up to be. Ali said the band(s) would be set up along the Old Fire Hall, with access to power, the Lion's tent would be set up along the water side of the parking lot with tables and chairs, rented from the Fire Dept. Virginia Wadleigh said she received a scholarship from the JTMA and has since had over 200 hours of community service playing at ceremonies, services, and events. All were thanked for their support.

Leslie had to leave the meeting.

5. **Communications**
 - a. **MMA Annual Election** – The Board received a ballot from MMA for Vice President and Executive Committee Members. *Motion by Tom Anthony to vote for those recommended by the MMA Nominating Committee. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Musical Rampage Concerns** – See above.

6. **Speakers from the floor** – Jean Conway wanted to ask about charging electric vehicles at the Old Fire Hall. Millie said she had turned the outside outlets off.
7. **Committee and Department Reports and Appointments**
 - a. Woodard & Curran Status Report – Don asked Marjorie to send him the draft Vinal Cove report. There was discussion on what was left on the punch list for the Public Works building.
 - b. **Dissolution of Housing Committee** – Now that the Housing Committee has their own tax-exempt status, they no longer need to be considered a town committee. There was discussion on whether there was any need for a continued committee to act as an intermediary between the town and the newly formed Vinalhaven Housing Initiative. *Motion by Ladd Olson to dissolve the Housing Committee. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - c. **KC Sheriff's Report** – Deputy Lemoi was present and provided the board with a report on the last two months. Deputy Lemoi researched parking tickets as discussed at the last meeting. Knox County will help enforce local ordinances, but the administrative side would fall on the Town Office staff. There was discussion on putting the “no parking” signs back up. The consensus was to investigate yard signs that can be put up the morning of the flea market and taken away after (similar to political signs placed in the grass). Elizabeth will look into pricing and Andrea Hogan offered to put them out on Saturday mornings.
 - d. **Maine Island Coalition Appointment – Catherine Haley** – Marjorie spoke with Catherine Haley and she would be willing to serve on the Maine Island Coalition. *Motion by Ladd Olson to appoint Catherine Haley to the Maine Island Coalition for a three-year term ending April 2026. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **CRP Grant – Streetlight LED Conversion** – Gabe was present via zoom to revisit the Community Action Grant proposal. Affinity LED will do the assessment. *Motion by Pam Alley to commit to allocating funds in the 2025 proposed municipal budget to support the Community Action Grant proposal in partnership with North Haven and Fox Island's Electric for LED conversion of streetlights. Seconded by Tom Anthony. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Discontinuance by Abandonment – Sailor's Way** – Marjorie has sent letters to both parties on this road, saying they assume 100% responsibility for the maintenance. They were given 30 days to respond, and there has been no comment. *Motion by Tom Anthony to approve the discontinuance by abandonment of Sailor's Way. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - b. **IVC – Sewer Hook-up Waiver** – The sewer was hooked up in 2021, but the user form and fee were overlooked. The Water District did collect the System Development Charge, but sewer forms were never returned to the Town. The Sewer Commissioners discussed the request earlier in the day, and it is their recommendation that the waiver be denied and suggested a payment plan with payments to be made quarterly over a year. *Motion by Ladd Olson to deny Island Village Childcare's request to waive the outstanding \$1,800 sewer connection fee. Seconded by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - c. **2024 Wastewater Budget** – The Board reviewed the budget spreadsheet provided by Marjorie. She is suggesting increasing the debt service fee and fixed charge to allow revenue to cover expenses. *Motion by Tom Anthony to revisit this next meeting to allow Board members to look over the budget. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. **Report of Town Manager** – Marjorie reviewed her report with the Board. There was discussion on Islesboro's statement received by the Board at the last meeting.
11. **Report of Members -**
Don Young presented the Board with his proposal for a Capital Project Post Audit Policy. There was discussion on the lack of community involvement in project development.
12. **Adjourn** – *Motion by Pam Alley to adjourn at 6:20pm. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk