

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF VINALHAVEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
5:00 PM  
TOWN OFFICE**

1. Roll Call – Selectmen Pam Alley, Leslie Dyer, Don Young, Ladd Olson, and Thomas Anthony; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present: Ryan Nizolek (in person), and Millie Martin (via Zoom).
2. Approve Agenda – Add 7d. Public Works – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. Minutes – Approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve the minutes from October 3, 2023. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrants #16 – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #16. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. Communications - None
6. Speakers From the Floor - None
7. Committee and Departmental Reports and Appointments
  - a. Woodard & Curran – Marjorie met with Kenny at the Transfer Station to go over punch-list items left to do. Headstrom is waiting for a part for an electrical issue and the gate opening still needs to be widened. There has been no action from Sheridan at the Public Works building either.
  - b. EMS Explorers Action Plan – Ryan gave the Board an overview of the proposed program. There are 6 trial sites, VH and NH being two. There are possibly six students currently interested. *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the Vinalhaven EMS Explorers Program. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - c. Cemetery Committee Appointment – Halcyon Averill – *Motion by Leslie Dyer to appoint Halcyon Averill to the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Thomas Anthony. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - d. Public Works – Millie ran down the list of damaged roads after the rain event on October 7. They will be working on Zeke’s point tomorrow and then moving to Calderwood’s Neck. To date, they have used 233 yards of material equaling \$12,815 for road repair. Public Works has also had a string of trucks breaking down. They are currently borrowing a truck from Union. Millie has been working with Jake Stanley to find a solution for the Folly Pond culvert. Short term they will replace the one large culvert with two smaller culverts, side-by-

side. Ultimately, they would like to install a cast cement culvert and raise the road.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

- a. Waste Management – Solid Waste Disposal and Transportation Agreement – The current agreement expires at the end of this year. Thomaston Recycling will be taking all containers to Norridgewalk now. We will still pay Waste Management for disposal but pay per haul to Thomaston Recycling. The Board would like to have this back on the next agenda.

10. Report of Town Manager – Marjorie met with Pam Alley, Mike Ames, Mike Martin, and Ethan Warren of Maine Water about some capital expenses coming up. In one of the pump stations, both pumps have failed and will need to be replaced. Pumps in other stations are aging also. The Sewer Commissioners and VH Water District meet next Tuesday, October 24. Marjorie and Elizabeth went to Small Claims Court this morning. The office is trying to clear up some large outstanding transfer station accounts.

11. Report of Members – Don asked if there was any movement with the Knox County contract. Rumors are that they have someone interested in the VH position. Knox County is still working on the union negotiations and has not taken any action on the contract Marjorie and Rick Lattimer had proposed.

Ladd asked about paving projects. Millie said All States wants to come to do a review of the roads. There was discussion on the Round the Island Road being a top priority, then adding other roads when paving for the Downtown Project.

Pam wanted to express appreciation for FIEC, Public Works, EMS, VHFD, and all the volunteers who have been helping with all the rain damage.

12. Adjourn – Motion by Leslie Dyer to adjourn at 5:45 pm. Seconded by Don Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk