

**MINUTES
TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024
5:00 PM
TOWN OFFICE**

1. Roll Call – Selectmen Pam Alley, Leslie Dyer, Donald Young, Ladd Olson, Tom Anthony; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also present were Millie Martin, Pat Lundholm, and Diane Strong.
2. Approve Agenda – Motion by Tom Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded Ladd Olson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
3. Minutes – Approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting – Motion by Ladd Olson to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
4. Approve and Sign Treasurer’s Warrant #28 – Motion by Ladd Olson to approve and sign Treasurer’s warrant #28. Seconded by Tom Anthony. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
5. Communications – None
6. Speakers From the Floor – None
7. Committee and Departmental Reports
 - a. Woodard & Curran Status Report – The first phase is almost ready for the bid process. The work order for the next phase has been submitted for EDA, NBRC, MDOT, and EPA projects.
 - b. Downtown Project – See above.
 - c. Waste Watchers Committee – Swap Shop Report – Pat Lundholm and Diane Strong reported to the Selectmen. There was discussion of installing a camera to deter people from dropping items off when no one is around. A pile of items discovered out back that had been there for some time and is now all ruined. There was a consensus that a whole system from Seacoast was unnecessary, but possibly a “home camera” would be sufficient.
 - d. Waste Watchers Committee Appointment – Lise Kirk would like to be appointed to the Waste Watchers Committee. Motion by Pam Alley to add Lise Kirk to the committee for a term ending 6/2024. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
 - e. Cemetery Committee Appointment – David Wood would like to be appointed to the Cemetery Committee and the Lane’s Island Stewardship Committee. Motion by Tom Anthony to appoint David Wood to the Cemetery Committee for a term ending 6/2024 and the Lane’s Island Stewardship Committee for a term ending 6/2024. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - a. Net Factory Site Reuse Committee Formation Document – Gabe gave the Selectboard an updated formation document with an updated membership roster. They currently have thirteen members, plus one alternate.
9. New Business
 - a. Options for Relocation of Eagle – The eagle will need to be relocated during the downtown project anyway, but there should also be a discussion on where its permanent

home will be. Marjorie recommends that it be discussed during the design phase of the downtown project, possibly under “amenities”. Millie suggested a conversation with the State about having it at the ferry terminal. There was a consensus of the Board to consider relocation of the Eagle during the design phase of the downtown project.

- b. BRIC – Building Resilience Infrastructure in Communities – Gabe described the BRIC grant project. Vinalhaven would serve as the lead applicant for a multi-island BRIC grant project. Don was concerned that this would take away from, for example, needed road work. Gabe assured the Board that this would help facilitate preparing for projects like that. Motion by Leslie Dyer to support the application for FEMA BRIC grant. Seconded by Ladd Olson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
 - c. Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant – This is a planning grant as well. This would be to replace the crib work at the ferry terminal with a form of wave break (the older portion that the Town owns). Gabe will bring more information to the next Board meeting. The deadline is 2/2/24.
10. Report of Town Manager – Marjorie provided the Board with a budget report for the first half of the year. Most areas are under 50%, and the total budget spent is 52.9%.

Don asked about retirement and how that would affect the budget. Marjorie said the town makes one payment at 6%.

The Budget Committee starts meeting next week.

Marjorie is dealing with a cutting in the shoreland zone on town property.

11. Report of Members - None

12. Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A), Personnel Matter

Motion by Pam Alley to enter into executive session at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Tom Anthony. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Anthony to come out of executive session at 6:19 pm. Seconded by Donald. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn – Motion by Pam Alley to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk