



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN SELECT BOARD

MINUTES

Town Office/Virtual Hybrid
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
5:00 PM

1. **Roll Call** – Selectmen Donald Poole, Donald Young, and Leslie Dyer; Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Also Present: Dana Blackington.
2. **Approve Agenda** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **Approve Minutes – Approve the minutes from the February 7, 2023 Select Board Meeting** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants #34** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants #34. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **Communications** - None
6. **Speakers from the Floor** – Dana Blackington was present to ask about the proposed allocation of \$45,000 for Professional Services from Fund Balance. Dana Blackington asked questions about the Drummond Woodsum billing. There was discussion on what percentage of the budget has been used for the Hurricane Island case vs. Land Use Violations.
7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointment**
 - a. **Woodard & Curran Status Report** – Pre-construction meeting for the Transfer Station at 8am tomorrow (2/22) via Zoom. There will be a meeting on March 7th and 8th to answer questions and sign easements for the Downtown Project. There was discussion on using what is left in the Public Works Garage reserve fund to finish up some projects at the garage.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Community Care Partnership of Maine proposal** – Marjorie had a Zoom meeting last week with Cameron Garrett, Dick Young, Ryan Nizolek, and members of the Community Care Partnership of Maine program. They are proposing a study of the islands EMT services and would like the Town to participate. Marjorie stated she does not have time to commit to this project, but Ryan said he would like to help. Don Young would like more information before committing to join.
A little later in the meeting Cameron Garrett and Dick Young were able to join the

meeting via Zoom. Ryan joined the meeting in person. They said this program is supposed to research the EMS structure and make recommendations for a more sustainable program. Providers are having to attend EMS calls with the lack of an advanced EMT and this is costing ICMS money. The Letter of Support to initiate this program is due in a couple days so the timeline is tight. The project will require approximately 20 hours of Ryan's time and he feels he has the ability to do that.

Motion by Donald Poole to authorize Marjorie to sign the Letter of Support on behalf of the Selectboard. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried

9. Old Business

- a. **Approve and Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant** – *Motion by Donald Poole to approve and Sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Leslie Dyer. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried. Warrant was passed for signatures.*
- b. **Revisit Airstrip Extension Discussion – Possible budget item** – There was a consensus of the Board to add \$10,000 into a reserve fund for a possible property survey in the future.
- c. **Budget Workshop** – There had been discussion on reducing the Law enforcement budget from two deputies to one. After the meeting with Knox County administration this morning it was agreed to keep it budgeted for two.

While Ryan Nizolek was present, Ambulance budget was discussed. Currently PIA is not doing any Sunday flights, including emergencies. There is the potential to also cancel Saturday flights as well. There are a lot of unknowns with air transportation for the future.

Marjorie asked if the Board wanted the department heads to attend any meetings. It was agreed that if there was an issue or something needs further discussion that would be the opportunity to ask someone from that department to come in.

10. Report of Town Manager – None

- 11. Report of Members** – Donald Young just wanted to say he was pleased with the way the meeting went this morning with Knox County administration. These are great first steps. Everyone is on the same team and they do want to help the community, but also need help back. There was discussion on housing options (ie. purchasing a piece of property).

- 12. Adjourn** – *Motion by Donald Poole to adjourn at 6:40. Seconded by Donald Young. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk

Next Meeting:

March 7th, 2023 – Immediately Following the Special Town Meeting (5:00pm)