

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Budget Workshop Minutes

Wednesday February 26, 2020 4:30 PM Vinalhaven Town Office

Those present: Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Donald Poole, and Jacob Thompson; Deputy Town Clerk, Elizabeth Bunker; and Town Manager, Andrew Dorr. Pam Alley and Phil Crossman were absent.

Public Works: There was discussion on Road Commissioner and Foreman positions and if there is a need for both, and making it a salaried position. It may also be prudent to review the job descriptions for Public Works positions. Andy pointed out increase in training line – he is hoping the State will come out for a training since we are expected to maintain their roads to their standards. He also noted that they are looking for someone who can work on the heavy equipment closer than the current mechanic in Brewer. There was discussion on uses for backhoe vs. excavator and the option to lease vs. buy. Motion by Eric Gasperini to set the Public Works budget at \$494,010.00. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Cemeteries: Luther Tolman, sexton, has asked for a \$500 increase in his stipend. Andy noted he has budgeted for work with the Historical Society to work with GIS software and map the cemeteries. Motion by Donald Poole to set the Cemeteries budget at \$53,850.00. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Library: The Board reviewed some of the goals laid out by Librarian Scott Candage. There was discussion on supporting and encouraging his continuance of a Masters in Library and Information Science. Motion by Donald Poole to set the Library budget at the managers recommended \$108,594.00. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Donations: There was some discussion on donations, but it was decided to wait for the budget committee to review this section. No motion at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Eric Gasperini at 6:05pm. Second by Donald. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Next Selectmen's Meeting set for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 4:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk