



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:00PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman and Emily B. Lane; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York.*

*Also present were Delwyn Webster, Samantha Thompson, Shelby Thompson, Bruce Philip, Gabriel Harp, Kathy Warren, Kathi Young, Bruce Mailloux and Rachel Noyes.*

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting and the minutes from the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Special Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting and the December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Special Meeting as presented. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #28** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #28. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 5a. MSFS – Request from Local Office; 5b. HigherPlane.org; 7h. Downtown Revitalization Committee; 8b. Bill Brown Estate; 9c. Reserve Account Expenditure approval: 1. Medical Center Building Fund & 2. Harbor Reserve; 9d. RFP – Town Floats; and 9e. FY 18 Department Goals. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the agenda with the additions as noted. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. **MSFS – Request from Local Office** – *There has been a request from the local Ferry office to move the Waste Management truck to the 10:30 AM from Rockland and to return on the 1:00 PM from Vinalhaven. There is an issue with the timing for the truck drivers and they would have to finish the run the next day at an additional cost of \$250 per trip. There was a consensus of the Board to leave it as is.*
  - b. **Higherplane.org** – *Higherplane.org, the web host for the AWOS Weather Station will no longer be paying for this service and will start sending us the invoices. It is approximately \$60 /month and the maintenance is another issue. Andy is still looking into this but just letting the board know. Phil Crossman recommended*

*weatherunderground.com as it shows present weather conditions from a few sites around the island. Andy to have PIA look into.*

- 6. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Delwyn Webster asked if there was a record of when the wells at the Landfill were tested and if there was a map showing the locations. Andy stated the wells at surrounding properties are tested yearly and yes, there are maps available.*

**7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Accept & Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate \$2,700 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve; \$600 to the Fire Department Reserve; and \$100 to a Playground Reserve. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- b. Board & Committee Appointments** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint George Fosque to the Sea Level Rise Committee for a term ending June 2018. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Ruth Sayward to the Sidewalk Committee for a term ending June 2017. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- c. Ambulance Reports** – *Ambulance Reports were reviewed. Andy pointed out a few of the highlights. Our generator is back but not installed. January started with 7 runs in 5 days! 2 of the runs had issues with not being able to get a ferry. Emily asked if this had been communicated to the MSFS. Andy stated yes, several times. There was a consensus of the Board that this is unacceptable. And to keep pushing the MSFS.*

- d. Knox County Sheriff's Office Report** – *No report as they just changed supervisors.*

- e. MSFS Advisory Board Report** – *The Advisory Board met last week. The parking garage numbers were in. Andy to email Alan Barker to have the local Tariff Committee meet. Phil asked if the issue of not being able to muster a crew for a medical run was mentioned at this meeting. Andy stated yes, but there was no formal discussion.*

- f. Road Commissioner's Reports** – *In wintertime mode, the crew has been plowing and sanding. There have been a few minor breakdowns. We have been working with the Vinalhaven Land Trust on Zeke's Point Road. Phil Crossman asked about the ditch at the Thorofare Landing. Andy stated that it is on their radar but they have not had a chance to get to it. It was stated that is supposed to be warm next week. There was a consensus of the Board to make it a priority.*

- g. Sea Level Rise/ Grant Update** – *They submitted their first progress report last week. They will need to submit a payment request for the first bill from Ransom. This is moving along as expected and there will be a tentative community meeting scheduled for the last week of January or the first week of February.*

- h. Downtown Revitalization Committee** – *They will be meeting next week as part of a joint committee meeting with the overlapping groups working on Main Street. A*

*Technical Assistance Grant is available for designing resilient communities and Andy will be working with John to submit an application for that program. If selected, it will require two community meetings with ample participation. The only cost we would bear is for the meetings, the grant pays for the technical assistance, their travel, and out of pocket costs.*

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Public Works Garage** – *Based on the maps we have, there is a possibility that the airport lot could be approved for construction. We will have to have it surveyed to see if there is a buildable footprint and it will have to go through the Planning Board. The most concerning stipulation is that the Land Use Ordinance requires that “No use shall be permitted with the Airport Overlay District which results in glare, smoke, steam, dust or other similar substance of phenomena that may impede a pilot’s ability to land or take off from the airfield.” Phil Crossman went to the Public Works Garage when it was cold. Something needs to be done right away to provide some heat for them right away, it was even too cold for the tools to work. Emily Lane asked if heat pumps would work. Gas heaters on a stand were also mentioned. Andy stated that OSHA requirement also have to be considered. There was a consensus of the Board to see what was in the budget and to look at available options at the next meeting.*
- b. Bill Brown Estate** – *Andy called Bruce Gamage and he recommended that the sale of the painting be done through a gallery or private sale. Phil Crossman recommended contacting the Thomaston Auction House. Pam Alley asked if anyone else had responded. Andy stated he has not heard from Katherine.*

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve and Sign Special Town Election Warrant** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and Sign the Special Town Election Warrant for the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special Election. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Warrant was passed for signatures.*
- b. Approve and Sign Special MSAD #8 Referendum Warrant** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the MSAD #8 Playground Referendum Warrant for the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special Election. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Warrant was passed for signatures.*

*Proposed playground design, map and timeline on the process was handed out. Delwyn Webster asked why there was a rush and why this was not being done during the annual budget. Bruce Mailloux stated to not be during the local contractors rush season, they were hoping for a late March to early June time frame. This is not a rush job as has been in the planning stage for years. The project has been cut back and cut back and they are still looking for more cutbacks. The \$500,000 being asked for is on the high side. A big aspect of the project is eliminating the wood chips and handicap acceptability. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for January 31, 2017.*

**c. Reserve Account Expenditure Approval**

- 1. Medical Center Building Fund** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to appropriate \$21,000 from the Medical Center Building Fund to cover the cost of the Medical Center roof repairs. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- 2. Harbor Reserve** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve spending up to \$15,000 from the Harbor Reserve for a new float in Carver's Harbor. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

**d. RFP – Town floats** – *There was a consensus of the Board to have Andy ask Foy Brown for input and to ask Frank Thompson about what he has for floats and to have on the agenda for the next meeting.*

**e. FY 18 Department Goals** – *Andy is still waiting for a few departments and is hopeful to get to the Board by the end of the week.*

**10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *There is a Substance Abuse Group meeting scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> with Dr. Ira Mandel of the MidCoast recovery Coalition.*

*There is a free "Your Speed Sign" program available through the State, just need to share information with Local Law Enforcement. There was a consensus of the Board to participate in this program.*

*We have an opportunity to purchase smartboards or ipad2's at discounted rates. There was a consensus of the Board to purchase the equipment.*

*Andy has been working on locating the names of those with gear, equipment and boats in the parking lots. There will be follow-up phone calls to request removal. If the property is not removed after a week we will remove and store at the Town Office. Property can be claimed for up to two weeks after appropriate fees have been paid. If the property is still at the Town Office after two weeks it will be taken to the transfer station. Pam Alley asked how we can be sure that they pay. Andy stated that we will send bills and can take to small claims court if needed.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to spend up to \$1,000 on the Galamander from Historic Sites. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to purchase 25 hour block from WG Tech for IT Services. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Treasurer's Reports and the 2017 Budget to date Report were reviewed.*

*Andy has talked to Chip about street lights. They are going to place one on every pole from Water Street to High Street for five new lights on Main Street.*

**11. REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Eric Gasperini recommended a weekly memo from Andy containing quick run-down of what was happening and also suggested that Board members stop by Andy's office as well.*

*Pam Alley stated that the chain was not up at Lawson's Quarry yet. Andy to mention to Dan.*

*Pam Alley asked where the PILOT money from Vinalhaven Land Trust went and why there was no money in the Parks Budget. Andy stated that according to the 2017 Budget to date report there was \$5,300 still remaining in the Parks Budget. The Park Commission has been asked for an inventory of what we have and recommendations on what is needed.*

*Pam Alley asked if anyone was going to step in for Jimmy while he is out. Andy stated that he will be calling on the wharf issues and that there wasn't a need at this time.*

*Phil Crossman asked that the issues from his email be addressed by the next meeting.*

**12. ADJOURN** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

**Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Darlene M. York, Town Clerk*