



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Monday, November 20th, 2017

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (6:00 PM) TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman, Donald W. Poole and Jacob Thompson; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker.*

Also present were: Wesley Reed, Shane Forner, Robert Candage, Alison Thibault, Jocelyn McLean, and Gabriel Harp

2. **MINUTES** – *Approve the minutes from the October 30th, 2017 Meeting and the November 13th, 2017 Meeting – Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the October 30th, 2017 Meeting. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the November 13th, 2017 Meeting. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 3/0/2 – Eric Gasperini and Jacob Thompson abstained. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #21** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s warrants #21. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Add 9c. Quit Claim Deed (22 Atl. Ave), 9d. Sewer Fiscal Sustainability and Climate Adaptation Plan, 9e. Medical Center, and 12. Executive Session – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **American Legion Post 18** – *The Selectmen received a letter from Woodcock-Cassie-Coombs American Legion Post 18 expressing their concerns about snow removal this winter. They placed granite blocks along the lawn of the Legion Hall last year which ultimately did more damage when dislodged by the loader over the previous winter. They also expressed concern for the newly planted shrubbery around the Veterans Memorial. They feel that if the Town uses these locations for snow piles over the coming winter that it will cause damage to the lawn and flora. There was discussion on where to put snow piles if these locations couldn’t be used. Phil Crossman asked about placing reflectors/markers along the sidewalks of Water Street and West Main Street. There was discussion on whether this would be a help or hindrance to the crews plowing snow, and how said markers would be attached/affixed to the curbing. Wesley Reed offered his portion of the Flea Market field for snow removal with the condition that the crew is cautious of the granite picnic table.*

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Gabriel Harp asked if anything could be done about the speeding on the Sands Road. Phil Crossman replied that they had also expressed concerns and the need to continue to report to Knox County.*

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

- a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate donations as noted.*
- b. **Ambulance Reports** – *Reviewed*
- c. **Knox County Sheriff's Office** – *No report provided at this meeting (Quarterly reports)*
- d. **MSFS Advisory Board** – *The Board reviewed notes and proposed rate increase from Advisory Board meeting.*
- e. **Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Reviewed Dan Bickford's reports from 10/30-11/3 and 11/6-11/9. Andy Dorr noted that the plows are ready and the new dump body is coming soon.*
- f. **Sea Level Rise Committee** – *The Board reviewed minutes from the Committees last meeting.*
- g. **Transfer Station Analysis** – *Reviewed the graph provided. Donald Poole asked about the Town purchasing its own truck to haul demo/cardboard/solid waste off the island. Andy Dorr said it would be worth looking into the number - bringing back material on return trips, selling scrap metal.*
- h. **Treasurer's Statement** – *Reviewed*
- i. **Wastewater Department – Leak Adjustment** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the leak adjustment recommended by the Sewer Commission. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Indian Creek Footbridge** – *Earl Hamilton was not present at the meeting despite Andy's attempts to contact him. Phil Crossman asked if it would be appropriate for him to talk with Earl. There was a consensus that that would be welcome.*
- b. **Washington School Building Use Form** – *Andy has yet to receive anything from MMA.*
- c. **Town Garage** – *If the Town still wants to pursue placing the Town Garage on Round the Island Road (adjacent to the Shooting Range), and if the Town purchases or leases land from the Rod and Gun Club there is a provision on the Rod and Gun Clubs deed that states if the Club ceases to exist that the land reverts to the Knowlton heirs. There was a consensus that restoring the current location is the preferable option.*
- d. **Carrying Place Bridge** – *Andy received the estimated costs from the engineers. They estimate \$500,000 which includes a 3ft. rise in the deck and a 15% contingency. Eric Gasperini would still like to see the cost differences versus no rise to the deck of the bridge and not adjusting the curve of the road. Phil Crossman expressed his concern that this project was overkill and there could be a smaller scale to the project.*

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Moving of the Eagle** – *Phil Crossman suggested moving the Eagle to the Town parking lot on West Main Street along with the piece of stone on the Sands Road intended for the Gen. Wool*

Monument. Pam Alley's suggestion was the same parking lot, but in the middle on top of the existing remains of the old Town Office water stub. Wesley Reed said he has noticed a crack forming in the Eagle and to be mindful of that when it is moved.

Motion by Phil Crossman to move the Eagle to the Town Parking lot on West Main Street. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Andy was asked to get estimates on moving the Eagle to the new location.

Motion by Phil Crossman to have the General Wool Monument put on the next agenda. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

- b. Constable Position** – *Andy provided a draft job description, some rough financial numbers, and the possibility of creating an office space. Eric Gasperini noted that the budget for legal services would likely have to be increased.*
- c. Quit Claim Deed, 22 Atlantic Avenue** - *There are two outstanding liens. Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the Quit Claim Deed. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion passed. Deed passed for signatures.*
- d. Sewer Fiscal Sustainability and Climate Adaptation Plan** - *The Board should start thinking about planning for replacement parts for the sewer. The pumps have a 20 yr. life span and they are nearing that age. The Board was also advised to be aware of changes that might occur due to environmental impact. Motion by Phil Crossman to go forward with the Sustainability and Adaptation plans. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- e. Medical Center** - *Phil Crossman made a motion to sign the Quit Claim Deed for the transfer of the Medical Center Property. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. Passed for signatures.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Andy provided the Board with a report.*

1.c. Sale of abandoned vehicle: There was a consensus of the Board to see if the truck could be sold for \$80 to recoup the towing fee.

3.a. FEMA - High winds on October 30, 2017 - The Town reported \$8,000 of damage; FIEC reported \$22,000. If the Governor signs the declaration there may be reimbursement of 80%.

3.b. Utility replacement - Marc Candage is having issues with the Jeep (Car 1) and is asking for funds (up to a certain amount) to be approved for a replacement.

4.a. Backhoe - The backhoe at the Transfer Station is nearing the end of its repairs. \$3000 was budgeted but the bill is close to \$5000 currently.

The Harbor Master has given his resignation. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the resignation. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

There was discussion on policy for abandoned vehicles and what other towns do.

Motion by Phil Crossman to have Prohibition of Marijuana Discussion added to the next agenda. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Pam Alley - Noted the parking on Harbor Hill (High Street); both sides of the street, on the sidewalk, and very near the crosswalk.

Asked if the chain could be put across the road to the back side of Lawson's Quarry.

Noted that if the Gen Wool stone was going to be moved that something would need to be done about the boat trailers in the parking lot.

Phil Crossman - Asked if the deputy had been present at the end of school. (No)

Requested more lighting on the Washington School Road.

Asked if there was any progress on the transfer of the Ball ground to the Town. (No)

Asked if there was any progress on the Galamander restoration. (Waiting for analysis of paint sample taken.)

Asked if there was any progress on the Harbor Ordinance. (No. Put on agenda for December meeting)

Asked to put Helicopter Ordinance on a January agenda and to look into comparable ordinances and wording.

Asked about progress on the Lanes Island Bridge project - The State classified it as a 'low use bridge' and may now be asking the Town to cover 50% of the cost (based on one day traffic study). It was suggested we ask if it was possible to have another study/count conducted.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter-

Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into Executive Session at 7:51 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.

§405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:55 PM. Second by Donald Poole.

Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0.

Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk