



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Monday, October 2nd, 2017

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were William and Linda Foote, Jim Davis, Kris Osgood, Dinah Moyer, Bruce Hopkins, Jean Conway, Alison Thibault, Del Webster, Margaret Olson, Heather White, Gabe McPhail, Pat Lundholm, and Anna Poe.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the September 18th, 2017 Meetings** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the September 18th, 2017 Meeting as amended. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried. **See Phil Crossman's email for corrections***
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #14** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #14. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 5. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter; 9a. Medical Center Transfer; 10a. Fire/Rescue Academy Training Request; and 13. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Property Tax Application for Abatement Inability to Pay - Hardship or Poverty. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **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 6:03 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a legal matter. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 6:28 PM. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Silver Thread Artisans** – *Kris Osgood was present on behalf of the Silver Thread Artisans to ask about renting the meeting room for their seasonal show/sale. The Board discussed creating a liability release form and establishing a fee. A draft could be available by the next meeting (tentatively October 23, 2017).*

- 7. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** - Bill Foote was present on behalf of the Open Bible Baptist Church. They would like to start an 'Adopt a Road' program. They would like to adopt Poole's Hill Road and asked for permission to install a sign (example provided) at either end of the road. Their hope is that this will encourage other organizations to do the same. Eric Gasperini made a motion to approve the installation of a sign at either end of the Poole's Hill Road. Second by Pam Alley. Motion 3/0/0. Motion Carried.

Del Webster asked when a decision on the Public Works building could be expected. Eric Gasperini stated that it is his goal to have a decision by the end of the year.

Jean Conway invited the Board to attend a substance abuse discussion at the Town Office meeting room on October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm. At their last meeting there was discussion on a recovery center.

8. COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

- a. Board & Committee Appointments** - There was discussion on changing the name of the 'Downtown Revitalization Committee' to the 'Downtown Committee' and changing the 'Solid Waste, Composting & Recycling Ordinance Committee' to 'Waste Watchers.' A few of the Solid Waste, Composting & Recycling Ordinance Committee were present and stated they use 'Waste Watchers' in the Wind to simplify their name - the latter is their official committee name.

It was the consensus of the Board to leave the names as they currently are.

- b. Road Commissioner's Reports** – The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's reports. Andy Dorr said the boat in the parking lot has MA tags on it and he is in contact with the Warden to locate the owner. If it is determined to be abandoned property, using this boat for Deputy transportation at the Thoroughfare could be an option discussed at a later date.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Medical Center Transfer** - Dinah Moyer was present to answer any questions the Board might have. There were no questions at this time. The Town's lawyer is reviewing the draft documents. It was requested to have a Public Hearing before the next meeting for public comment on the Town transferring the land to the Medical Center.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FIRE/RESCUE TRAINING REQUEST** - Pat Lundholm told the Board of an online training that would greatly help with OSHA training and special individual interests. It can also be used in combination with hands-on training (prep at home with technical training at the Public Safety building). Pat is asking for permission to expend money from the educational reserve fund to support this training if necessary. Motion by Eric Gasperini to allow funds to be taken from the Educational Reserve Fund as necessary. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

11. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER - *Andy Dorr has received one application for CEO/LPI, and one application for Assistant Foreman. He reminded the Board of the DART meetings coming up next weekend, and Darlene will send out a reminder email. The truck body has been ordered for the Public Works truck, and winter sand is set to come this month by barge. Notice will be given to fisherman when a definite date is known.*

12. REPORT OF MEMBERS - *Pam Alley asked Andy if there was any date that was better for him to attend a Parks Commission meeting. Andy said he has class Tuesday afternoons which he is off-island for.*

Jake Thompson said he had had a call about the new Thorough Fare float being high and it is difficult to get in/out of boats. Also Andy had received complaints that boats could get hung up under the float and possibly sink. Andy provided pictures he had taken of the float. This float is the same as the one at the Town parking lot and there have been no complaints on that float. There was discussion on corrections to the float. It was decided to take no action right now. Board members said they would ride to the Thoroughfare to check it out.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss an Property Tax Application for Abatement Inability to Pay - Hardship or Poverty - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into Executive Session at 7:13 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Property Tax Application for Abatement Inability to Pay – Hardship or Poverty.. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:21 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to deny the application for Property Tax Abatement on the basis that the property is not a primary residence. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

14. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:23 PM. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: ~~Monday, October 16th, 2017~~ at 6:00 PM (October 19th, 2017)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk