



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Monday, December 18th, 2017

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Pat Lundholm, Anna Poe, Del Webster, Gabe McPhail, Eric Davis, Marc Candage, Kris Davidson, Bryan Feezor, Jim Harris, and Wesley Reed.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2017 Meeting** – *Phil Crossman had a few amendments:*

8a. to read: ...to draft a lease wherein the lessor purchases liability coverage with limits he finds acceptable and the Town leases the Right of Way for an amount equal to the annual premium.

9b. The Board was provided with the old ordinance.

10. 1d. (Clarification) The Board is willing to participate in the MMA Remote Training for Newly Elected Officials and will ask North Haven if they would like to participate as well.

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 Meeting as amended. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #25** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #25. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA – Add 8e. Transfer Station Update, 8f. PW Report, 9a. Fire Dept. Utility Presentation, 9b. Quit Claim Deed – Carver, and 9c. Hurricane Island LPA.**

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS** – *None*

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *None*

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

- a. **Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's weekly report. Pam Alley asked if they had flooded the Ball Ground and Andy Dorr was fairly certain the PW Crew had.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Indian Creek Footbridge** – *There was discussion on next steps for signing a lease with Earl Hamilton. It was decided that Earl Hamilton should find insurance with liability to his satisfaction and present this as the cost of the lease.*
- b. **Harbor Ordinance** – *No Progress.*
- c. **Local Police Analysis Update** – *Based on a 2006 analyses Andy Dorr provided a spreadsheet with estimated figures for construction of a local police force (a 5 person department). Andy Dorr also presented the option of an additional resident deputy with KC, which he estimates around \$80,000.*
- d. **Town Garage Update** – *Andy Dorr has spoken with Mills and they seem open to the idea of selling or leasing 2± acres for use as a location for the Town Garage. There was discussion on the need for a variance or zoning change (it is currently RM1). There was also a brief discussion about space available on Isle au Haut Mountain Road. Motion by Phil Crossman to have Andy Dorr further inquire about an agreement with Mills (price, location, sell/lease, septic availability, etc.). A subsequent site visit was also discussed. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- e. **Transfer Station Update** - *Pat Lundholm presented an update on the progress of the single stream recycling. The “Waste Watchers” committee and Ken Martin have found a good solution for the location of the compacter/dumpster and Pat Lundholm provided with Board with quotes from two agencies (Atlantic & Valley), which are competitive.*

Anna Poe informed the Board of “Trash Talk” Meetings - January 18, 2018 will be with a representative from DEP on Composting on an Island. There are more meetings to come over the winter.

Gabe McPhail had an update on recycling plastics. She needs final approval, but #1 plastic should be able to be added back into the stream in the New Year.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Fire Department Utility Presentation** - *Fire Chief Marc Candage and other members of the VHFD attended the meeting to reinforce their need for a utility truck. Motion by Phil Crossman to go forward with an RFP with authorization to move quickly if a used, well priced vehicle becomes available. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Quit Claim Deed – Carver** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to sign the Quit Claim Deed for 18 Carver St. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Quit Claim Deed was passed for signatures.*
- c. **Hurricane Island LPA** - *Hurricane Island would like to add a 4th line to their aquaculture project (kelp only). Motion by Donald Poole to authorize Andy Dorr to sign the appropriate paperwork. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *The Thompson is back in service.*

The Proposed Rate Increase Meetings (MSFS) are now being held on Vinalhaven, Islesboro, and Swans Island. Dates TBD (end of January 2018).

The Board was provided with a financial statement.

Andy Dorr provided the Board with an article from the Maine Townsman on 2018 Legislative Issues.

Andy Dorr has spoken with Chip at FIEC about options for better lighting on Washington School Street. There are currently no poles along the road and placing them would require a right-of-way, and there would also be a need to trim branches from the Maple trees. Chip estimates this at \$7000. Andy Dorr also suggested the option to run power from a pole on the Cemetery side to a pole at the entrance of the parking lot, but has not discussed this with FIEC.

Has sent an email to D&S Jacking about moving the General Wool stone - no response.

- 11. REPORT OF MEMBERS** – Pam Alley - Shared a map of the proposed trail for Boy Scout Point. Eric Davis was also present to discuss ideas for parking space and a place to launch kayaks, etc.

Phil Crossman - Motion by Phil Crossman to take Hugh Martin's offer to take 10" of granite from the front of the support on the Eagle to improve visibility to the crosswalk. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Request for Ambulance Transport Fee Hardship Reduction/Waiver** - Motion by Phil Crossman to enter into Executive Session at 7:08 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) to discuss a Request for Ambulance Transport Fee Hardship Reduction/Waiver. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Crossman to come out of Executive Session at 7:17 PM. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Request denied. Suggested to set up a payment plan within limits.

- 13. ADJOURN** – Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion Carried.

Next Board of Selectmen Meetings: January 15th, 2017 and January 22nd, 2017 at 6 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk