



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman, Donald W. Poole, and Jacob Thompson (arrived at 6:15); Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Bunker.

Also present were: Jessica MacDonald Martin, Bill Chilles, Eric Davis, Gabe McPhail, Alison Thibault, Alice Bissell, Ali Wood, and Betsy Hopkins

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the January 30th, 2018 Meeting** – Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the January 30th, 2018 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/1 – Pam Alley abstained. Motion carried.
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #34** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #34. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – Amended: Add 8c. Galamander, 9f. Posted Roads, 9g. Town Report Dedication, 9h. Budget Workshop FY19 (previously 9f.); Removed 9c. Building Permit Fees and 9e.2. Wastewater Department Budget Appropriation.

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

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Team Hailey Hugs** – The Board received a letter from Team Hailey Hugs asking the Town to recognize September as Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Motion by Phil Crossman to support Team Hailey Hugs and sign their proclamation. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.
- b. **DPW Letter** – The Board received a letter from Jessica MacDonald Martin complementing the Public Works Department on their prompt response (and action) to her call regarding the unsafe road conditions on Zeke’s Point Road.
- c. **Perspectives (After School Program)** – Alice Bissell was present to describe the Perspectives program to the Board and ask the Board to waive the fee for disposing of appliances after the class program “Take Things Apart.”

Motion by Phil Crossman to waive the dump fees for appliances disassembled by the Perspectives Program. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Jake Thompson joined at this time.

6. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR –

Ali Wood and Betsy Hopkins were present at the meeting to “stay on the Board’s radar” on tick issues. There was discussion on studies and options for control/management practices that could/should happen on Vinalhaven to mitigate the spread and impact of Lyme disease.

7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

- a. Accept & Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to accept and appropriate \$465 to the Ambulance Equipment Reserve and \$50 to the Fire Department Reserve. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. Ambulance Reports** – *The Board reviewed Pat Lundholm’s monthly report.*
- c. Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford’s weekly reports. Andy let the Board know the backhoe was thought to have an engine issue, but it was taken to Milton CAT and determined to be an issue with the Turbo. It is being repaired.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 50 Main Street Update** – *Andy had sent an email prior to the meeting. Bill Lane from Gartley & Dorsky has been to the island and visited 50 Main. He went under the building and investigated the catch basins closest to the building. Water will need to be re-routed so as to no longer flow around and under the building. Next steps will be to contact ME DOT with regard to any work to the road.*
- b. Indian Creek Footbridge** – *The lease agreement is still with Earl Hamilton’s lawyer. Andy will check in with Earl again to see if there is any progress.*
- c. Galamander** - *The board discussed Ron Harvey’s report on the Galamander. Jessica MacDonald Martin was also present and she has been in contact with a wheelwright in the mid-west. She received estimates for reconstruction which were shared with the Board. Each wheel was estimated to cost over \$9000. This didn’t include shipping charges. There was also discussion on work needed to the rest of the vehicle and also to the roof and surrounding structure. There was a consensus to add this to the budget workshop.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Single Stream Bids** – *Gabe McPhail and Eric Davis were present to go over two estimates from Valley and Atlantic for single stream recycling. There was discussion on the discrepancy in costs associated with the type of cover built around/over the compacter - one assuming a vinyl tarp-like rolling cover, the other a structure with stainless steel roof and doors that can close in inclement weather.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to accept the quote from Atlantic and pursue an agreement with them. Second by Eric Gasperini. Revised to add: Authorize up to \$40,000 in funds to come from Landfill Equipment Reserve fund. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

- b. Set date for Public Hearing – Automobile graveyard/recycling business/ junkyard** – *One application has been returned. Andy informed the Board that two more could possibly be returned and asked to wait until the next meeting to schedule a Public Hearing and address all*

permits at the same time. There was a consensus of the Board to postpone setting a date for Public Hearing until the next meeting (February 27, 2018).

c. Building Permit Fees - Removed from agenda

d. Surplus Equipment – old snow blowers – *There are two old snow blowers currently being stored in the “Tomb” at Carver’s Cemetery. Tony Lembo has expressed interest in them for parts. Neither machine is in working order.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to give the two snow blowers to Tony Lembo. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

e. Wastewater Department

1. **Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates –** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. Certificate was passed for signatures.*

2. **Budget Appropriation – Removed from agenda**

f. Posted Roads - *Andy asked for permission to post weight limits on Town roads which are already very soggy due to snow and rain. Motion by Eric Gasperini to authorize the posting of roads. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

g. Town Report Dedication - *Andy asked the Board to start thinking of possible dedications for the Town Report.*

h. Budget Workshop FY19 -

Selectmen: *Motion by Eric Gasperini to set Selectmen budget line at \$3,000. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Legal Service: *Motion by Eric Gasperini to set Legal Services budget line at \$15,000. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

General Assistance: *Motion by Eric Gasperini to set General Assistance budget line at \$3,000. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Contingency: *There was discussion on the necessity of this line as there is already an article approved at Town Meeting that allows the Board to use up to 10% of unexpended balances. Motion by Phil Crossman to eliminate this budget line item. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Assessor: *Andy recommends raising the proposed amount to \$29,183 to allow for 15 hrs/wk. Motion by Eric Gasperini to set the Assessor budget line at \$29,183. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER -

Andy shared a few legislative updates and the agenda and progress of the Downtown Committee.

Andy updated the Board on the Sea Level Rise Committee’s progress and has been asked to speak at the Maine Sustainability and Water Conference. He also noted other conferences coming up - a National conference in Michigan in May, and one in Ellsworth.

Andy noted the Planning Commission has a meeting scheduled and the Harbor Committee has a meeting tomorrow (Wednesday).

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Phil Crossman:

Asked Andy to check on the status of the transfer of the Ballground.

Asked about the status of Carrying Place Bridge. Bill Lane of Gartley & Dorsky is coming to next week's meeting. This gives time to notify residents in that area to attend the meeting with any questions/concerns they may have.

Asked about the process to appeal FEMA ruling on Carver's Pond - VE vs. AE. Andy said this was something the Sea Level Rise Committee was going to address.

Phil has been in regular contact with the jacking company that came to look at the Gen. Wool stone, but there has been no estimate given yet. Pam Alley said the Park Commission would be in favor of cleaning the area around the stone and raising it up out of the ground to be more level.

Asked about the marine railway repair - Andy said a SHIP grant is an option, but that would require the Town to fund 50% of the project. Phil asked about addressing the launching areas separate from pilings. There was discussion on purchasing pre-cast sections from the State.

Donald Poole:

Asked if there was any updates on the Mills property for use by the Public Works Dept. Andy has met with Joy Mills and done a walk of the property. Joy wants to have the property appraised and will get back to Andy with a price.

12. ADJOURN – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:39PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Next board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, February 27th, 2018 at 6:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk