



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

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 Bill Lane, Bodine Ames, Earl Hamilton, Sharon Philbrook, Diana Cherbuliez, Alison Thibault, Chris Kolofsky, Randy Farnham, Jeff Aronson, Linnell Mather and Kathy Warren

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the February 20th, 2018 Meeting** - *Approval of Minutes from the February 20th, 2018 meeting should read: "...Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/1. Pam Alley abstained" as she was absent from this meeting.*

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the February 20th, 2018 Meeting as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #35** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant's #35. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** - *Add 7c. Sea Level Rise meeting/update. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS** – NONE

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – NONE

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

- a. **Planning Commission** – *Kathy Warren was present to give an update on the last three meetings of the Planning Commission. They have been discussing helicopter ordinance, quarry use, fireworks, and marijuana ordinance. They have also been updating references in the Land Use Ordinance.*

- b. **Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's report. Andy Dorr also noted that the town had hauled up the float from the downtown parking lot for repair and inspection. It normally would be hauled out before now, but because of its design it's not able to be dragged out (like the previous float) but would need to be lifted.*

- c. **Sea Level Rise Meeting/Update** - *On March 8th the engineer is coming out and there will be a presentation at the Union Church. There are notebooks around town with information.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Indian Creek Footbridge** – *Earl Hamilton was present to go over the lease agreement and insurance coverage. He would like to see more reminders posted about rules for using the bridge ie: no bikes, clean up after your dog, and throwing rocks - reminders in the Wind and possible new signage. There was also discussion on the Town helping to maintain abutments.*
- b. **Land Use Violation – Steven’s Case** – *The Town received judgement from the Stevens Case. Dr. Stevens has to pay the Town’s attorney fees and a \$5000 fine. He has 21 days to file an appeal.*

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Carrying Place Bridge** – *Bill Lane from Gartley & Dorsky was here to talk about the Carrying Place Bridge project. He estimates the project will cost \$450,000 and last approximately 4 months. It was asked what the cost savings would be if the deck of the bridge was not raised by 3 feet. Bill estimates a savings of about \$50,000. There were mostly questions on price differences if one option or another is chosen - height changes, approaches, and repair v. replacement - and also questions regarding the temporary bridge (its construction and capacity). If the project is approved work could start around Labor Day.*
- b. **Corrective Quitclaim Deed** – *One lien had been left out of the Forner discharges signed previously. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Corrective Quitclaim Deed. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. Passed for signatures.*
- c. **Lanes Island Preserve Maintenance Agreement** - *The Board reviewed the agreement between the Nature Conservancy and the Town. There was discussion on if the Town should continue to use Town funds to maintain a private way. Maine Coast Heritage Trust is in the process of acquiring the property and they might have different ideas when that takes place. It was Andy’s recommendation that an easement for a public right-of-way be drafted.*
- d. **Set date for Public Hearing – Automobile graveyard/recycling business/ junkyard** – *To date there have been two applications returned. Motion by Eric Gasperini to set a date of March 13, 2018 at 6pm for a Public Hearing with a Selectmen’s meeting immediately following. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- e. **Marijuana Business Application Policy** – *The Board reviewed an article on the Marijuana Regulatory Bill and were presented with a Notice Regarding Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs modeled after the Town of North Yarmouth. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Notice. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Passed for signatures.*
- f. **Budget workshop FY19** –
Administration: *Motion by Phil Crossman to set Administration line at the proposed \$307,845. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0.*

***Washington School:** There was discussion on creating a building reserve fund for maintenance on Town buildings and creating a committee to review the buildings condition yearly. Motion by Eric Gasperini to set Washington School line at the proposed \$43,935. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Phil Crossman excused himself at this time.

Town Properties: *There was discussion on the Thorough Fare lease and using funds left from last year to address float issues and build a second float for summer use. It was agreed to have \$500 inserted into the Indian Creek Footbridge lease. Motion by Jake Thompson to set the Town Properties line at \$122,850. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Lic. Septage Site: *Motion by Eric Gasperini to set the Licensed Septage Site line at the proposed \$2,300. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER –

Andy reported that the DOT should be coming out within the next month to do a speed limit review.

Andy will attend the MSFS Advisory Board Meeting where there will be discussion on the Advisory Board and having both island and state input. Andy has received a couple letters regarding actions in the ferry line when islanders were returning from the Tournament game in Augusta. There are issues with the “24 hour” rule of a car being in line and that wording needs to be addressed.

Andy presented the Board with the Quitclaim Covenant for the “Ballground” property for review.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS – NONE

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: March 13, 2018 - Immediately Following the Public Hearing (6:00 PM) at the Town Office

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk