



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

~~Tuesday, March 13th, 2018~~

POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2018

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Alison Thibault and Gabe McPhail.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the February 27th, 2018 Meeting** – *Phil Crossman noted two corrections: add Bill Lane to list of those present and change 7b to read: “It normally would be hauled out BEFORE now...”*

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the February 27th, 2018 Meeting as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #38** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #38. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add 7f. Librarian’s Report. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS** – *None*

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Alison Thibault asked when Earl’s footbridge would be open again. Andy assumed by the end of April.*

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

- a. **Ambulance Service** – *The Board reviewed Pat Lundholm’s report.*

- b. **Board & Committee Vacancies** – *Del Webster has resigned from the Budget Committee and the “Waste Watchers Committee”. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept Del Webster’s resignations. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

- c. **MSFS Advisory Board** – *The Board reviewed Andy’s notes from the meeting. The Commissioner is taking more time to reach a decision on the rate increase. There was discussion on the elimination of emergency ferry runs at night. Andy provided the*

board with a letter (dated 2004) from the Coast Guard that states “Unscheduled and unforeseen trips...shall be considered...only when no other means of emergency service, such as helicopters or other aircraft, are available.” The MSFS is looking into what the true cost of an emergency trip on the ferry costs (currently \$650). Andy is looking to meet with the Coast Guard and review the policy of “exhausting all other options.”

- d. Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan’s reports from the last three weeks. There was brief discussion on if parking bans would be effective to allow the PW crew easier clean up. Andy had had a question of why the PW crew didn’t clear the businesses on the opposite side of Main Street. There was a consensus of the Board to not clear sidewalks that are not maintained by the Town.*

The PW Dept. is getting a new computer. Andy is looking into new software to track fleet maintenance. The current software they use is only compatible with Windows Vista, which is now obsolete.

- e. Transfer Station Analysis** - *The Board reviewed the analysis. Pat Lundholm is working on creating a simple entry system to use at the Transfer Station for receipting. The purpose would be to better track and breakdown the income coming into the TS (tires/demo/solid waste/etc.). Andy also noted that the Waste Management contract is up in December.*
- f. Librarian’s Report** - *The Board reviewed Scott Candage’s report. One of Scott’s goals would be to host an island librarian’s conference in the next few years.*

Pam asked if there was a Library reserve fund and if that could be used for some of the things Scott is asking for in the new budget. Andy assumes yes, as long as the reserve doesn’t have specific guidelines. Andy also noted that Headstrom is coming to finish/update wiring at the Library.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Assessing Services** – *The Board reviewed a letter from Wes Robinson on what he feels needs to be done, should be done, and could be done. More money will need to be appropriated for Wes to finish the necessary tasks. A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled in April.*

b. Budget workshop FY19 –

Law Enforcement: *Andy gave a breakdown of the combined Constable/Harbor Master/Animal Control position, with the understanding that the Constable position would be to supplement the KC Deputy and enforce local ordinances. Andy also shared a sample job description. Pam asked about required training and Andy said there were criminal justice-type courses/classes available. Gabe McPhail, as a Budget Committee member, said the BC was concerned that there should be ‘bench marks’ so make sure this position is meeting the need.*

Andy has received an application for Harbor Master from a college student in MA. He will follow up with specifics. Andy also noted that the Harbor Master percentage of the position could be supplemented by collected fees (Mooring fee, punt tie up, parking, etc.).

Motion by Pam Alley to accept the proposed \$46,000 to create the discussed combined position of Constable/Harbor Master/Animal Control Officer. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/1/0 - Eric Gasperini voting No. Motion carried.

There was also discussion on asking KC for a second part time, seasonal deputy. It was decided that in order to even begin to have that conversation with Knox County that there

would be some money budgeted.

Motion by Donald Poole to accept the budget as proposed for a second seasonal deputy at \$94,400. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER –

The front door at the Town Office has been fixed.

Andy had a letter from the State regarding Carrying Place Bridge in which they do not find it prudent to place a new top on the existing substructure.

Andy has seen Joy Mills but they still have not provided an offer for land in Louds Pit.

Andy shared a packet on “How Education is Being Funded”. There was a letter from the principal in the Wind on how/why the school is in danger of losing money for free/reduced lunches which will have dramatic effect on their budget.

More funds might need to be moved for maintenance to the wastewater lines incurred because of frozen lines over the winter.

Year-to-date through February is available.

Planning Commission is still meeting. They are discussing taking water from the Quarries. Bob Gruber will advise as he did a ground water study years ago. There has been discussion in the Committee about allowing Tenders to come into Vinalhaven. With the increased cruise ship traffic in Rockland this could become an issue. The Committee is also discussing housing issues.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Pam Alley: *Asked if anything could be done about Robert Indiana’s building on the bridge near the Bank (formally Adair’s). There is glass falling from the windows onto the sidewalk. Phil said he could mention it to Mont Conway’s crew as they have been doing other work for Indiana.*

Asked about looking into slowing the culvert at Pleasant River. Now that it has been declared a wetland it would have to be investigated if any changes can be made.

Pam noted that Rockland has accepted a ban on Styrofoam and plastic bags. She would like to see Vinalhaven follow suit. Belfast did the same a few years ago so we could reach out to them and see how they implemented the ban.

Phil Crossman: *Asked when a decision was needed for the dedication of the Town Report. Andy said by mid-April. They are also going to try publishing in-house. He has a template from another Town to work with. They will still send out for printing.*

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk