



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

6:00PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Del Webster, Jim Grumbach, Elin Elisofon, Alison Thibault, Amy Lear, Gabe McPhail, Keaton Lear, Frank Laurie, Pat Lundholm, and Pete Gasperini. (Jim Grumbach left when Pete Gasperini arrived)

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the April 18th, 2017 Meeting** – *Phil Crossman provided an amendment to the minutes from April 18th, 2017. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes as amended from the April 18th, 2017 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #44** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #44. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA – Add 7b. Librarian’s Report and 7c. Harbor Master’s Report.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Vintage Vinalhaven** – *Andy Dorr had a request from the Vintage Vinalhaven Committee to close the small section of road between the Band Stand and Webster’s Field, as in previous years. Motion by Eric Gasperini to have this section of road closed to traffic at the time of the Vintage Vinalhaven event. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – NONE**
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Road Commissioner’s Report** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford’s weekly reports. Del Webster asked about putting a fence/barrier around the dirt pile at Coot’s Corner. Andy Dorr answered that there had been discussion of placing a “jersey barrier”*

around the pile to deter individuals from helping themselves.

Phil Crossman said he had been out to Ritz Road after receiving some very strong complaints about the road. He has driven and walked the road and measured a 34' width in some areas. He's hoping that with better weather the Public Works crew can get back to that section of road and conditions will be improved.

- b. Librarian's Report** – *The Board reviewed Scott Candage's report. Pam Alley added that Scott Candage and Linda Whittington were now staggering their lunch breaks so it is not necessary to close in the middle of the day. Pam Alley also asked Andy Dorr if there was an update on the cleaning company coming out to the island. Andy Dorr answered that he had a message from them and they planned on coming either next week or the week after.*
- c. Harbor Master's Report** - *The Board reviewed James Harris' report. Andy Dorr said he had an estimate of \$500 to replace the bumpers on the float at the Ferry Terminal. James Harris said that there could be the possibility of using firehose that doesn't pass (upcoming) inspection.*

There was much discussion on proper identification on moorings. There have been notices in the Wind, and it is in the ordinance that moorings should be marked but this has yet to be enforced. Motion by Phil Crossman to put a notice in the Wind that moorings need to be registered with the Town. If not registered, it will be assumed it is not being used. There was discussion on tie-up fees at the Town's floats and parking fees/permits for the, so called, Fish Plant parking lot. Del Webster noted that Stonington has yearly mooring fees and dockage fees. Phil Crossman withdrew his motion. Phil Crossman made a motion to put a notice in the Wind asking owners to register and label their mooring(s) by June 1, 2017, or they will be considered abandoned. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion Carried. There was discussion on how to deal with summer residents who have moorings. It was the consensus of the Board to continue postings in the "Wind" through the summer and to deal with related issues as they arise.

8. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Liquor License Application – Lindsay Davis d/b/a The Sand Bar** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Liquor License Application for Lindsay Davis d/b/a The Sand Bar. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Application was passed for signatures.*
- b. Peter Gasperini – Aquaculture Lease Application** – *Pete Gasperini was present at the meeting and gave a summary of his application. He intends to install two containers that will be used to raise oysters and muscles. Phil Crossman made a motion to have Andy Dorr sign the Lease Application on behalf of the Board. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3/0/1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.*
- c. Approve & Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting** - *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve and sign Warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on May 16, 2017.*

Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Warrant was passed for signatures.

- d. Roadside Clearing Estimate** – *The Board reviewed a proposal received from McPherson for roadside clearing. They use a piece of equipment for clearing that the Public Works is interested in observing to see if it is something to purchase in the future. Andy Dorr mentioned that some of the areas in the proposal may provide the opportunity to cost share with PIA or FIEC. There was a consensus of the Board to investigate what is left in this fiscal year's budget before accepting the proposal.*
- e. Transfer Station Policies** – *There was discussion on a recent dumpster fire that occurred due to loose cardboard from the burn pile that blew into the receptacle. Until further notice the gates at the Transfer Station will be locked after hours and no cardboard is to be placed on the burn pile. Emily Lane and Frank Laurie both expressed concern about the necessity of disposing the cardboard that the bait comes in. A committee formed to review waste/recycling/composting practices (D. Webster, A. Lear, G. McPhail, and P. Lundholm) was present and provided the Board with a proposal for the ordinance review.*

Andy Dorr will contact the DEP and investigate getting a special permit to burn cardboard. The committee will do more research on if this type of cardboard is compostable.

Two members of the committee attended a recycling conference and brought back some very helpful information. It was agreed that moving to single stream recycling is a definite goal. The committee discussed that they would like to see, in conjunction with the repair of the retaining wall, a more streamlined layout for waste/recycling/compost, which will also increase efficiency and effectiveness. Amy Lear noted that getting the word out to the public early and often is very important and said the committee would like to start putting tips in the Wind.

Phil Crossman was very encouraged by this discussion and commended the committee on their work and presentation. The committee has discussed a scale at the Transfer Station and paying by weight as opposed to volume as a future option.

Phil Crossman made a motion to allow businesses to access the Transfer Station after hours, providing the privilege is not abused. Second by Eric Gasperini. Pam Alley recommended getting a list of everyone who has the combination to the lock. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *The Board reviewed a memo emailed previously by Andy Dorr.*

There was a consensus of the Board to leave the chain down at Lawson's Quarry.

Elin Elisofon had concerns on the work being doing on Crockett's River Road. She had many concerns including the width of the road, damage to ornamental trees along the roadway, and ditching close to telephone poles. Andy Dorr explained that the work being done was all in compliance with what was laid out in the proposal and plans previously discussed.

There was a meeting held at the Medical Center on the issue of ticks. The providers were in attendance along with Marc Candage. Information is available about "tick tubes" - their uses and how to make them to use around your property. Andy Dorr also noted that there will be a continuation of the tick study done last year, allowing for the comparison of years to see if there's a trend. There will be notices in the Wind.

Lanes Island Bridge: There will be a community meeting, presumably after the June Annual Town Meeting as a preliminary discussion and planning on the Lane's Island Bridge repair/replacement. Designs will be reviewed and the project will be ready to put out for bid in September 2018.

A TRIO agent came to the office today to start an initial setup of accounts for the new budgetary software.

FIEC has now installed a street light on nearly every pole on Main Street, including at the intersection of Main St. and Clam Shell Alley. Main Street is now very well lit.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

PHIL CROSSMAN:

Memorial/Dedication for Town Report - It was decided at the last meeting to have the In Memoriam to Wyman Philbrook and the Dedication to the other community members who passed away in the previous year.

Town Float/Thoroughfare Float - Andy Dorr has spoken with Chris Kolofsky about constructing two floats for the town. The float in-town would be a lighter structure (metal frame, wood top), while the Thoroughfare float would be a heavier metal frame and diamond plate top out of necessity. Chris Kolofsky asked of the possibility of negotiating the sale of the Town's blue GMC truck as partial payment. Motion by Eric Gasperini to allow Andy Dorr to work with Chris Kolofsky to sell/trade the Town's truck for his construction of new Town floats.

Downtown Revitalization - Andy Dorr said he is supposed to have an email from John Bubier tomorrow with his schedule for May and June.

PAM ALLEY:

Smith's Point - The scallop drag and lobster car are still on the beach. The Legion owns the property. Del Webster pointed out that the land owner is responsible to the low-water mark. Andy Dorr will contact Dave Moyer about the safety of debris on the beach

Town Wharf Parking Lot - Pam asked if the parking lot could be graded and calcium chloride applied. Also asked about traps being left on the wharf too long. Andy Dorr responded that it was a tricky time to enforce the 48-hour rule of the ordinance because this is a busy time for lobstermen getting traps out.

Winter Equipment - The winter equipment that is in the grass across from the Public Works building (behind SALT Restaurant) will be moved to Coots Corner.

Second Well on Lanes Island - Check to make sure this well is capped so no one gets injured or tries to tamper with it.

Plastic/Styrofoam - Pam asked what action could be taken to prohibit/limit the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. Andy Dorr answered that it would be something that needs to be discussed at a public hearing and written into a Town ordinance.

ERIC GASPERINI:

Carrying Place Bridge - Has there been any discussion with Randy Farnham about his thoughts on work to the Carrying Place Bridge.

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th, 2017 Immediately Following Special Town Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk