



## TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phillip Crossman and Jacob Thompson; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth Bunker. Pamela C. Alley and Donald W. Poole were absent.*
2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting and the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting as written. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*  
  
*Phil Crossman noted the heading on the Minutes for the April 4, 2018 meeting reads “Agenda.” Motion by Jake Thompson to approve the minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting as amended. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #39** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrant’s #39. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA – Add 5b. Paul McCree Communication, 7g. Committee Appointment, 8c. WAM Airport Lease, and 9d. Fire Utility Bids.** *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second Jake Thompson.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. **Climate Change Resolution** – *Phil Crossman was enthusiastic about this resolution and suggested it be added to next meeting’s agenda. He also suggested a possible additional clause to include the islands sea level concerns.*
  - b. **Paul McCree Communication** - *The Board received a letter from Paul McCree. He expresses his concerns about the proposed automobile graveyard at the Bunkers garage on Old Harbor Road.*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – NONE**
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**
  - a. **Animal Control Officer** – *Jim Knowlton has applied for Animal Control. Motion by Phil Crossman to accept Jim Knowlton’s application for ACO. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
  - b. **Ambulance Reports** – *The Board reviewed Pat Lundholm’s report.*

- c. **Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's report. Andy added that the snow gear has been moved to Coots Corner. The float at the town parking lot was supposed to go back overboard soon (if not today). They are expecting to be doing culvert work coming up. There was discussion on the new software program for the Public Works dept. They just got their new computer, but previous software has become outmoded. Initial cost for software package is \$5500 (\$1100 annually, thereafter). Motion by Phil Crossman to go ahead with new "PubWorks" software. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
- d. **Harbor Master** – *Jim Knowlton seems to be taking to his new role very well. He has already worked on cleaning up traps and trash from the waterfront and has been coming to Andy with many questions.*
- e. **Transfer Station** – *Reviewed the TS analysis. Eric Gasperini mentioned that now that the snow has mostly gone that if the guys have some time to pick up trash that has blown across the road. There was discussion on single stream recycling and using EcoMaine. Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into a contract with EcoMaine. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
- f. **Planning Commission** – *The Planning Commission continues to meet and have discussion on the marijuana ordinance and the land use ordinances. It was also brought to their attention the building of "Tiny Homes" in other town/cities and minimum RM1 requirements for these. Andy will also share their first draft of a Helicopter ordinance.*
- g. **Committee Appointments** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Hillary Bunker to the "Waste Watchers" Committee. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Town Garage** – *Andy received an offer from Bill and Joy Mills for 2 acres of land in Loud's Pit for use as a new location for the Public Works. They offer 2 acres for \$40,000. Septic, well, and power would need to be installed. There was discussion on the option to lease a couple acres adjacent to the existing garage and use the utilities in place. There was also discussion on taking over maintenance of the road (plowing and paving). There was also discussion on getting a variance from RM1 zoning.*

*Motion by Phil Crossman to offer \$20,000 and maintenance of the road (pending town approval to accept as a town road). Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

- b. **Carrying Place Bridge** – *Trying to decide next steps. There was discussion on whether or not the Town has to adjust the curve of the road - the town is not required but the engineer is mandated on what he can advise. It was Eric's understanding that if the Town chooses not to adjust the curve of the road that the engineer can't sign off on the project.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to continue the project by adjusting the curve and not raise the deck height. Discussion. Motion withdrawn. There was a consensus of the Board to get an estimate on overage from the engineer and then propose an 'up-to' amount for the warrant.*

- c. **WAM Airport Lease** - *Kevin Waters sent over the signed lease paperwork. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Airport Lease with PIA (Waters Aero-Marine). Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried. Lease agreement was passed for signatures.*

*Kevin Waters is investigating the possibility of extending the runway - talking to land owners/abutters.*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Liquor License Renewal Application – Lindsay B. Davis d/b/a The Sand Bar** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Liquor License Renewal Application for The Sand Bar. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. Fire Utility Bid Results/Award** – *The Board reviewed the bids that came in for the Fire Utility Truck. The Board discussed options on what to do with the 1996 Jeep currently being used. Eric Gasperini suggested looking into donating the Jeep to Maine Public Vehicle Donation Program.*

*Motion by Phil Crossman to accept the bid from Shepard Dodge. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
- c. Harbor Improvements** – *Jim Knowlton is already doing great work along the wharf. He has come to Andy with questions and concerns. He asked if traps without tags that are in reasonable condition and could be used by someone else could be relocated to the Transfer Station (out of the way) and be auctioned off. Traps with tags - notice would be given to the owners. Jim asked if a camera(s) could be installed at the Fisherman's Wharf. The Board thought this was a good idea. Jim also asked about installing power and adding trash cans. He asked what the Board wants to do about boat and equipment storage and the Board agreed to 48 hours. Motion by Phil Crossman to get a notice in the Wind about enforcing the 48 hour storage limit. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*
- d. Budget workshop FY19 – Revenue** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Revenue Proposal. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

**10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *The Board reviewed Andy's memo.*

*He also added that he is meeting with Darren Jones at the Indian Creek Footbridge to see about placing large stone.*

*Andy has talked to NRCS about the Pleasant River Culvert. Their involvement in the project expires in 2020. After that modifications could be made.*

*Andy would like to start getting designs and RFPs for Main Street project. He asked for the Boards opinion on whether utilities should be buried and updating the water lines. The Board said they would be interested to know the cost and would entertain the idea.*

*Andy would like to attend a National SLR conference in Michigan.*

*Andy made note of a free survival training for lobstermen on April 19 and 20.*

*The lawyers have send a demand for payment to Mr. Stevens. The judgement was never physically mailed so there is still a possibility of appeal.*

*The Kennebec Valley Boy Scouts are awarding PIA the Knox County Citizens Award.*

**11. REPORT OF MEMBERS** –

*Eric Gasperini - Just wanted to note that he had driven the Crockett's River Road and it was still in great shape.*

*Phil Crossman - Asked if there was any progress with MCHT and Lanes Island. (Nothing)*

*Asked for thoughts about installing a plaque on the Eagle detailing its story. It will be given to the Historical Society for consideration.*

*Asked about Lance Morton's boat - it's sinking. Something to bring to the Harbor Master.*

- 12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:55PM. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

**Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk*