



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS (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 Janann Sherman, Lauren and Brian Weisenthal, Ed Hirst, and Gabe McPhail

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the April 10th, 2018 Meeting** – *7g: Change to “Waste Watchers.” Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 10th, 2018 Meeting as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/2 - Pam Alley and Donald Poole abstained as they were absent at the previous meeting. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #41** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #41. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA - Remove 8a and 8c. Replace 8b Budget Workshop with 8b Sewer Abatement. Add Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter.**

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Maine State Ferry Service Tariff No. 8 – New Rates effective May 21, 2018** – *The Board reviewed the new rate structure (Tariff No.8). Donald Poole asked if there was an increase to parking fees. Andy had not heard that they were, but that it has been a consideration in the past.*

Phil Crossman suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Commissioner. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried. There was a consensus to have Phil draft this letter.

6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *None*

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

- a. **Road Commissioner** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford and Carl Philbrook’s reports. Andy told the board he was working on scheduling the street sweeper and Lucas striping to come out.*

Pam Alley asked about having Public Works clean up some of the sod from town properties that got pushed up by the plow.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. ~~Climate Change Resolution~~ – Removed

b. Town Garage – *Andy is still negotiating with Bill and Joy Mills about the Louds Pit property. Andy has also offered \$15,000 for the land and ownership of the road (pending Town approval), along with having Mills create a level surface and install sewer. There was a consensus to add this to the next agenda and continue the conversation.*

c. ~~Carrying Place Bridge~~ – Removed

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Liquor License Application – Lauren & Brian Weisenthal d/b/a The Nightingale – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the liquor license for Lauren and Brian Weisenthal DBA The Nightingale. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

b. ~~Budget workshop FY19~~ - Removed

Sewer Abatement - *The Town received a request to abate \$199.50 for a leak after the meter. The water went into the basement and not into the waste water system.*

Motion by Pam Alley to approve the abatement request. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Andy shared notes from a General Welfare Conference he attended. He was especially impressed with a Substance Use Disorder Panel Discussion - Speakers included a 24 year old who had struggled with substance abuse and a police officer from Oxford County whose daughter died from an overdose. He asked what were some things communities could do to help - cost of treatment, the stigma/culture, recovery coaching were all mentioned. It was also suggested to research Scarborough's program and programs in North Conway, NH.*

Andy and Faye Grant attended an LPI training.

Next week Andy is meeting with Allstate Materials Group and will see if they could come to the island and do a workshop to show the Board and PW new materials.

Andy met with Headstrom Electric and visited the Town buildings. Some prices quoted: Outside lighting at the Town Office ≈\$3000; Safety Lighting at the Library (shining up at the building) ≈\$3000; Update/finish electrical at Public Safety Building ≈\$3000; Runway Lights (only ½ currently work) ≈\$4000; Outside light at Old Fire Hall ≈\$300. Headstrom also mentioned changing street lights to LED. There are 123 poles with lights. Estimated initial cost ≈\$80,000, but this could be spread out by only replacing bulbs as they break.

The Tick group is still meeting. Marc Candage has had requests to burn fields which would be a good chance to collect data by dragging prior to burning. Chuck is coming out in early June to do more drags and collect data.

Andy has spoken with Knox County and requested an additional Deputy for summer coverage. He will meet with them again next month.

Audit should be ready in a couple weeks.

DOT is coming out May 4th to discuss projects coming up. They will look at Main Street and the North Haven Road where it floods.

Andy has contacted Bill Lane at Gartley & Dorsky and just waiting for final design pricing.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS –

Phil Crossman: *Has talked to Bill Chilles and Peter Richards about a plaque on the Eagle. Phil suggested Peter talk directly to Bill also. Andy will contact Wes Reed and Hugh Martin again about shaving some of the base down to get better visibility at the crosswalk.*

Housing: Asked if Andy had any conversation with Hopewill or Genesis about housing options. Does the Town want to become landlords? It would be worth gathering information about the Town acquiring property to address housing issues on the island.

Asked if Andy had sent out RFPs for Downtown project; still being drafted.

Asked if any progress had been made on Jim Knowlton's request for trash cans and cameras at the Fish Plant Wharf. Andy will ask PW about trash cans. Cameras would have to be addressed with Sea Coast Security (or similar company).

Asked what effect the Auto Graveyard would have on Todd's Garage. It would be difficult for him to install fencing. It was asked why Todd should be given a 'pass' but not the other applicants.

Asked when the Indian Creek Footbridge would be open. Andy said depending on Darren Jones' schedule, hopefully by the end of May. Andy mentioned funding for the maintenance and suggested that be worked into the lease for next year.

Asked about repealing the flood designation of Carvers Pond. Andy said that would be a costly endeavor to challenge a FEMA map.

Asked where the Broadband Committee stood. Janann Sherman said they were pretty much at a standstill. Most of their members were summer people and they need more local people involved. From people she has talked to service in the downtown area is "good enough" and it's hard to get those people to support the project. Janann has looked into some funding options. There was discussion on Islesboro's community funded service and Cranberry Isle's government funded service.

Pam Alley: *Asked about grading and calcium chloride at the Fish Plant parking lot. Andy will add it to the list for Public Works.*

Jake Thompson: *Asked if the second float was going to be put out at the Thoroughfare. Andy will contact Foy Brown if the float is in condition to use (decking etc.). There was also discussion on adding another facing board so boats don't get caught under the float, and also adding a hand rail.*

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter -

Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter at 7:25 PM. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of executive session at 7:39 PM. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk