



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Janann Sherman, Mike Bunker, Betsy Hopkins, and Joy Mills.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the April 24th, 2018 Public Hearings and Meeting** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes from the April 24th, 2018 Public Hearings. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

*Correction to 8b. Town Garage: change to read “...for the land and ownership of the road...”
Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2018 Meeting as amended.
Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #45** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #45. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to add Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter to the agenda. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter -**
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss a Legal Matter by Jake Thompson at 6:04pm. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Phil Crossman at 6:20pm. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Vintage Vinalhaven** – *Eldercare is asking for the section of Atlantic Avenue behind the Band Stand and Galamander to be closed off for their annual Vintage Vinalhaven event on July 7, 2018 at 5pm. Motion by Phil Crossman to allow this section of road to be closed off for the event. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

7. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – NONE**

8. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

a. Ambulance Reports – *Nothing out of the ordinary to report.*

b. Harbor Master Report – *The Board reviewed Jim Knowlton's first report as Harbor Master. Hopkins Boat Yard has repaired the hoist. Jim is also in favor of mooring fees. The draft Harbor Ordinance is with the Harbor Committee and they have taken no action as of yet.*

Jim Knowlton has also recently attended a week long Animal Control Training.

c. Road Commissioner – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's report. Mill's Excavation will be working on the culvert at Round Pond and the road will be closed for a period of time. The Public Works crew was at a training in Union today.*

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Automobile Graveyard Applications – *No other comments or concerns have been expressed regarding the Automobile Graveyard Applications. Pam Alley told the Board she had been to see the Adair's property and they did a very nice job of cleaning up all vehicles that were concerning.*

Motion by Jake Thompson to approve permits for Bunker's, Adair's, and Mills' Automobile Graveyards. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

b. Broadband – *Janann Sherman shared an overview of what the Broadband Task Force has worked on previously. Donald Poole expressed an interest in joining the committee.*

c. Climate Change Resolution – *There was a consensus of the Board to invite the Citizens Climate Lobby to a meeting to discuss their mission and the two climate change initiatives they are proposing. Andy will ask if they can attend a May 22nd or June 12th meeting.*

d. Town Garage – *Andy will be meeting with Bill and Joy Mills tomorrow, May 9, 2018.*

e. Carrying Place Bridge – *This is Article 39 on the Town Meeting Warrant as "not to exceed \$550,000". There was discussion about this being a high amount for a small bridge, but there are a lot of pieces to be considered (temporary bridge, curvature of the road, abutments, and the bridge construction itself).*

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve & Sign Warrant for Annual Town Election – June 12th, 2018 – *Motion by Jake Thompson to sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Election on June 12, 2018. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Warrant was passed for signatures.*

b. Approve & Sign Warrant for MSAD 8 Budget Validation Referendum - June 12th, 2018 – *Motion by Pam Alley to sign the Warrant for the MSAD 8 Budget Validation Referendum. Second by Jake Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried. Nine copies of the warrant was passed for signatures.*

11. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER -

The lawyer has reviewed the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and has a few questions. There was a consensus of the Board to meet on Thursday May 10, 2018 to approve the budget.

Dorothy Jeffers has asked to rent the upper field at the air strip (to the right of the house). There was discussion on safety issues and there was a consensus to contact MMA.

MeDOT was here this past Friday. They viewed Main Street, Lanes Island Bridge, and the North Haven Road where flooding is an issue ("the Meadow"). They recommend the Town apply to the MPI Program for assistance with the Main Street project. The preliminary draft for the Lanes Island Bridge has been finished and should be able to be viewed within a few months. On the North Haven Road they didn't observe any cracking in the pavement and they attribute guardrail movement to plowing.

Carl Philbrook has done a manual road survey and made note of all road conditions.

MSFS had a meeting last week. Islesboro is expected to appeal the new rate increase.

Andy met with the Lieutenant and Deputy Chief of Knox County and discussed the contract and the Town's request for another Deputy in the summer. They said they will post the job and do what they can to fill the position, but they eliminated part time positions so it may be difficult to fill.

Members from the Downtown Committee, Broadband Task Force, Chamber of Commerce, Sidewalk Committee, FIEC, Water District, and Sea Level Rise Committee all jointly met to discuss what each committee is working on, how they can work together, and where some projects may overlap.

Andy was able to talk with MCHT about Lanes Island and if the Town will continue, as they did with the Nature Conservancy, to maintain the road. Their reply was that they have no timeline and things were moving "not even at snail speed." Andy will also add acquiring the Ball Ground property as a Town Meeting warrant article.

Our Island Cares held a movie night at the School. They showed the movie Heroin(e) with discussion after.

Sea Level Rise - The Island Institute has a \$6000 grant available that can be used for planning and comprehensive development that Andy will apply for. Andy will also apply for another planning grant to be used for engineering and design with the Main Street project. There is also a Shore and Harbor Planning Grant that could be used for engineering and design of the Fish Plant Wharf.

The Marijuana Bill passed as "Opt In". No action needed by the Town at this time.

12. REPORT OF MEMBERS – Pam Alley: *Put a reminder out for traps and trash in the Town Parking lot for Memorial Day.*

Pam asked Phil about the company he had look at moving the General Wool stone. The company felt they would be unable to move the stone, but Phil had had a call from Bob Stackpole of S&S Excavation and they might be interested in moving it.

Pam had been asked if the Town Meeting could be changed to 6pm instead of 7pm. There was also a suggestion to have committees set up tables in the cafeteria so there could be conversation before the meeting. There was a consensus of the Board to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Donald Poole: Asked how Single Steam Recycling was coming. Andy said they had been delayed a few weeks because of missed ferry trips last week.

Phil Crossman: Wants to move forward with work on the Galamander. There is \$22,000 in the Historic Preservation Fund currently and a proposed \$10,000 from this budget. There was a

consensus to put out an RFP.

Wants to nudge the Harbor Committee to meet and work on the Harbor Ordinance.

Constable Position: There was much discussion on whether to advertise the position yet and whether to still consider it as a three part position (Harbor Master/Animal Control/Constable). Motion by Phil Crossman to make the combined position available contingent on town approval. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 2/1/1 – Jake Thompson voting No and Pam Alley abstained. Phil would like greater support and withdrew his motion. There was a consensus of the Board to wait for Eric Gasperini to be present for more discussion.

Jake Thompson: Asked about the number of keys to the Transfer Station. Andy stated that Kenny has a list and is monitoring activity.

13. ADJOURN – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meetings: Special Meeting – Thursday, May 10th, 2018 at 4:30 PM
Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Clerk