



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were David Brown and Alison Thibault.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the May 16, 2017 Meeting** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #48** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #48. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as written. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS** - *NONE*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Alison Thibault thanked Andy Dorr and the Public Works Crew for their prompt response and patching of the sidewalk on School Street.*
7. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Committee Appointments & Resignations**
 1. **Parks Commission** - *Ana Mares and Ross Tabor would like to be appointed to the Parks Commission. Niall Conlan has resigned. Motion by Emily Lane to accept Niall Conlan’s resignation and to accept Ana Mares and Ross Tabor to the Parks Commission with terms ending in 2018. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
 2. **Cemetery Committee** - *Lorraine Bunker would like to be appointed to the Cemetery Committee. David Brown had previously expressed interest in being on this committee. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept David Brown and Lorraine Bunker to the Cemetery Committee with terms ending 2019 (2-year*

term). Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

- 3. Sea-Level Rise Committee** - *Emily Cohn would like to be appointed to the Sea-Level Rise Committee. There is currently one vacancy. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept Emily Cohn to the Sea-Level Rise Committee. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion Carried.*

- b. Road Commissioner's Report** - *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's weekly report. The Crew has been working at the sidewalk project beside the bank. They have been working on dirt roads as allowed by weather. David Arey has been working in the Grader bringing in what material he can from the shoulder of the dirt roads and working to better shape the crown of the road and ditches. After a trial period, Dan Bickford feels this strategy is not working - the material being brought in from the shoulder is not good quality material and therefore should be screened and/or new material brought in.*

There was some discussion on discontinuing some roads as 'town roads' and what action that would take. There was also discussion on the maintenance of dirt roads and the use and quality of material available.

8. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve FY18 Sewer District Budget and new rates** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Sewer District Budget as presented. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
- b. Annual Contracts (Draft Review):**
 - 1. Cemetery/Town Mowing** - *There was a consensus of the Board to add the Mary Talbot Airport Field and the Emergency Services Facility to the list of properties included in the contract. At the request of the current contractor (David Brown), there was a change to the Payment Schedule. The Town of Vinalhaven will pay the contractor 52 installments of \$600, versus the previous arrangement of 21 payments over the spring/summer mowing season. Motion by Phil Crossman to amend the Payment Schedule to 52 installments of \$610 to allow for the two added properties. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion Carried.*

The Board chose not to entertain a bid received by Andy Dorr for the upcoming FY.

- 2. Knox County Sheriff** - *There was discussion on item #5 Housing and Lodging. It was decided to amend the figure \$5500 to \$4500 as the capped amount for heating fuel and electricity.*
- 3. Thoroughfare Lease** - *Andy Dorr has heard concerns on lack of parking available, but previously Mr. Lewis had been opposed to expanding parking*

spaces. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the draft as presented. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

4. Indian Creek Lease - *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the draft as presented. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

5. Rockland Animal Hospital - *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the draft as presented. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

6. Engine House Press - *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the draft as presented. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

c. DOT 3-year Maintenance Contract (Draft) - *The Board reviewed the agreement for the routine maintenance of the state aid roads. This has historically been renewed annually. It was noted under "MAINEDOT SHALL:" that the figures for what the Town is paid (\$3,712 per centerline mile for 5.74 miles = \$18,368.00) are not correct. The total should read \$21,306.88.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER - *The Board reviewed the report provided by Andy Dorr. Andy Dorr added that Mills has been on Crockett's River Road with the Hammer Drill to break up some large rock/ledge, and noted that the water seems to be flowing properly into the ditches.*

There was discussion on the tick group and their recent meeting at the Medical Center. The Medical Center has sent out a survey to patients who presented with tick bites. Phil Crossman asked if there had been a 'point person' selected. Andy Dorr said it was his understanding that as of right now it was Allie Wood. The groups focus is on education and data gathering. Donald Poole asked if there would be information on prevention. Andy Dorr said that information on prevention would probably come later - based on research and the data collected.

Andy Dorr informed the Board that there will be another dragging study. This would be the second consecutive year so there will be data to compare.

Andy Dorr provided a chart to the Board that showed how the Downstreet Revitalization Committee, Sea-Level Rise Committee, and Broadband Coalition were connected and clarified how these committees were working together - showing their awarded grants and connecting goals.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *Emily Lane: Thanked the Group and expressed that she is encouraged by the involvement of younger people. The Board Thanked Emily for her time and commitment to the Board.*

Eric Gasperini: Eric had been told someone was pumping water from the quarry to fill their personal pool. Other Board members said they had seen or heard this also. There was an agreement to create a policy (or ordinance).

Pam Alley: Pam again mentioned the trash (old lobster car and scallop drags) on Smith's

Point/Grimes Park. She has talked to Dave Moyer. He's under the impression that the property belongs to the Town. Pam said the school has scheduled a picnic at Smith's Point and the trash on the beach is dangerous. Phil Crossman said he'd ask J. J. Bickford if he knew anything about the items on the beach.

Pam reported that she had met with Eric Davis and Patience Trainor and walked around the boundary markers of the Boy Scout Point area. They discussed creating a parking area for two cars, a trail to the shore and point, and also take into consideration Frank Lawry's property and privacy.

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Second by Donald Poole. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting:

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker, Deputy Town Clerk