



TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020

5:30 PM

Vinalhaven Town Office

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

Also present were Alison Thibault, Donna Warren, Ricky Walker, Banner Moffat, Lucy McCarthy, Gabe McPhail, Elin Elisofon, Hugh & Sue Martin, Bill Alcorn, Donald Young, Linnell Mather, Anna Poe, Kris Davidson, Ethel Jones, and Gillian Welch.

2. **Minutes** – **Approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2019 Meeting** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2019 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

3. **Approve and Sign Treasurer's Warrants # 29** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #29. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **Approve Agenda** – Add 7j. appointment to Park Commission; 9b. FMA LOMA; 9c. DMR Proposed Changes to Shellfish Management Areas; 9d. Maine Water WW Contract; and 12. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal Matter.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.

5. **Communications** – *None*

6. **Speakers from the Floor** – *Alison Thibault wanted to make sure the drainage issues in front of 50 Main Street were still being considered. Andy replied that no short-term fix has been found yet.*

7. **Committee and Department Reports/Appointments**

- a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate donations. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3/0/0. Motion carried.*

- b. **Ambulance Service** – *The Board reviewed Kerry's report.*

- c. **Downtown Committee Update** – *Gabe gave a brief summary to those present. She discussed Plan priorities, the timeline, and the status of each step.*

- d. **Sea Level Rise Committee Update** – *The SLR Committee is working to have the work plan/fact sheet presented to the Selectmen very soon.*

- e. **Waste Watchers Update** – *The Committee is currently focused on the composting project. Carl Philbrook is helping Ken Martin install the scales on the forklift so it can be known how much is being taken out of the solid waste stream. The Committee also moved some monies around (with permission from the DEP) and purchased more manure for composting.*
- f. **Knox County Sheriff's Office Reports** – *The Board reviewed the year-end totals from the Sheriff's Office. Officer Landers also shared with Andy a breakdown of adult arrests for 2019 vs. prior years.*
- g. **Road Commissioner's Report** – *The Board reviewed Dan Bickford's reports. There was discussion on the amount of sand on hand and if more was needed for the rest of the winter.*
- h. **Transfer Station** – *See 8a.*
- i. **Woodard & Curran Status Report** – *See 8a.*

(Jake Thompson arrived.)

- j. **Appointments to the Park Commission** – *Pat Lundholm would like to be appointed to the Park Commission. Motion by Eric to accept Pat Lundholm to the Park Commission. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

8. Old Business

- a. **Transfer Station/DPW Garage Follow-up** – *Andy presented a timeline review from 2015 to present, details on the Loud's Pit land purchase, price breakdown of constructing the Public Works and Transfer Station together vs. separate, and pros & cons of adjacent and separate construction. There was discussion on the current Public Works building, what the Loud's Pit property would be used for if not for a new garage, and if the Loud's Pit site is suitable for the needs of the Public Works.*
- b. **Knox County Sheriff Patrol Agreement** – *The current contract was for 6 months, but the new contract has not been agreed upon yet. A new resident deputy could be on-island by February.*
- c. **BOS Strategic Planning Report and Next Steps** – *Gabe provided notes/focus areas from the previous workshops and there was discussion on the next workshop to continue to focus goals.*

9. New Business

- a. **Fireworks Display Agreement with Central Pyrotechnics** – *The 4th of July Committee has a contract with Central Maine Pyrotechnics for a \$8000 show for 7/4/2020. The Committee is asking the Board to sign the agreement, with the understanding that the Committee can raise an additional \$3000 by July.*
- b. **FEMA LOMR** – *A property owner on Sands Cove is appealing the FEMA flood zoning and as part of that appeal, it needs to be run by the Selectmen. The Selectmen all give their approval.*
- c. **DMR Proposed Changes to Shellfish Management Areas** – *Andy shared a map of the new proposed shellfish harvesting areas around Vinalhaven and North Haven. All coastline closed except for areas near Crabtree Point (NH), the Basin, Long Cove, and Seal Bay. There was discussion on how many times a year these areas are tested, and at what time of year, and if the Science class could participate.*
- d. **Maine Water WW Contract** – *Standard yearly contract, same terms and amount as last year. Motion by Eric Gasperini to sign the Maine Wastewater contract. Second by Jacob Thompson. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.*

- 10. **Report of Town Manager** – *See Memo. Andy also shared a proposed bill for reducing operational costs of ferries for the Board to review.*

11. Report of Members –

Phil Crossman:

-Asked if snow stakes could be placed along the sidewalks on Water Street and West Main Street.

-Asked about the status of the Broadband RFP; The contract was awarded to Axiom and they are meeting with Committee members tomorrow (Wednesday, 1/15/2020)

-Asked if there was anything from Ransom on the Carver's Harbor FEMA mapping; Andy hasn't had anything from them.

-Mark Higgins offered to work with the Selectmen on redesigning the Ferry Terminal

-Asked about the Galamander; Should look into having it wrapped for the winter. Andy questioned waiting until spring, at this point, and then start excavating the soil to install gravel. It was agreed to look at what was in the Historical Site Budget and find out how much it would be to have Ian Adair wrap the Galamander for protection for the rest of this winter.

Pam Alley:

-There has been an open fire on the ice/ledge at Booth's. Pam suggests putting wording into the ordinance to prohibit fires that could contaminate the water. Phil suggested: "No person shall cause or allow open fires at all Town quarry properties." It was also discussed that all open fires need a burn permit anyway, but this would be another place to enforce that.

12. Executive Session – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal Matter – Motion by Eric Gasperini to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal Matter. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to come out of Executive Session at 7:24 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

13. Adjourn – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4/0/0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bunker Deputy Town Clerk