

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:30 PM

### TOWN OFFICE

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Pamela C. Alley, Phillip Crossman. Emily Lane and Brandon Osgood; Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York.*

*Also present were Caitlin Cleaver and Jason Marriner.*

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Pam Alley to approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #14** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #14. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda item 5b. Landfill Sticker Request and to move agenda item 7a. Liquor License Application – I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant to 8a. New Business. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. **Hurricane Foundation – Limited Purpose Aquaculture License** – *Caitlin Cleaver from Hurricane Island Foundation stated to the Board that the University of Maine and the University of New England received a \$20 million grant from the National Science Foundation to fund the creation of the Sustainable Ecological Aquaculture Network (SEANET), which will explore four different tracks of research around aquaculture development in Maine over the next four years. A STEM education component is a required part of the project. Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership recently received funding to develop seaweed aquaculture curriculum for high school students as well as establish a small-scale seaweed demonstration site on Hurricane Island in Penobscot Bay. They are pursuing approval of a Limited Purpose Aquaculture License for a single 200’ L x 2’W site near Gibbons Point on the north end of the island based on recommendations for Paul Dobbins from Ocean Approved during a site visit. It was stated that this is a great idea and is great to get students involved in alternative fisheries. There was a consensus of the Board to approve this project and give Town Manager Andrew Dorr permission to sign the application on behalf of the Town.*
  - b. **Landfill Sticker Request** – *A request has been received for 20 Landfill Stickers to be used as a prize for a benefit Bingo for Carol Swears. Motion by Eric Gasperini to donate 20 Landfill Stickers to the benefit Bingo from Selectmen’s Contingency. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

**6. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS - None**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Foreclosed Property** – Town Manager Andy Dorr gave an update to the Board. Stating the Board voted last week to return the property to Jason Marriner if the following was done by October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Back Taxes are paid in Full; Approved Septic Design; Land Owner approval; and Contract with contractor with 50% deposit paid. Jason stated he had \$800 to pay toward the back taxes and the balance could be dropped off in the morning. It was recommended for him to wait until other conditions have been met. An updated Subsurface Wastewater Disposal System application has been updated by Dennis Small and Jason stated a holding tank has been ordered at Viking Lumber, which Contractor Darren Jones said would be more than 50% of the project. Darren told him he would work to install as soon as he could when the tank was available. Jason stated has been unable to get in touch with Taza Watt as he has been off island. It was stated that Property Owner's approval should be received (in writing and Notarized) before the Board makes any decisions.

*Motion by Phil Crossman to amend Eric Gasperini's motion from last week to read October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (Motion by Eric Gasperini that the property to be returned to Jason Marriner if the following is done by October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Back Taxes are paid in Full; Approved Septic Design; Land Owner approval; and Contract with contractor with 50% deposit paid.) Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-1 – Brandon Osgood abstained. Motion carried.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Liquor License Application – I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant** – Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign a Liquor License Application for I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Application was passed for signatures.

**9. REPORT OF MEMBERS** - Brandon Osgood stated that the shoulder across from the spring at the end of Darren Ames' field (Geese's spring) is in need of cold patch.

**10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – We have been having trouble balancing the Ambulance AR report with TG Higgins. Andy, Pat and Darlene will be working on a New Policy for Ambulance Billing and will be sharing with the Board before it is finalized.

*We have been working to get ready for the Audit. Andy will be going to the MMA Conference on Wednesday and dropping off Audit materials to Smith and Associates on Thursday.*

*Emily asked how classes were going. Andy stated so far so good.*

*Andy put the SHIP Grant paving out to bid again and was told by Catherine Rand that it needed to be approved before going out to bid again. Andy had assumed that it was approved as part of the original bid. It has been approved now and he will be resending the bids.*

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

**12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

**Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Immediately following Special Town Meeting**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Darlene M. York, Town Clerk*