

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Immediately following Public Hearing (6:30 PM)**  
**TOWN OFFICE**

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

*Also present were Andrew Strachan, Sharon Strachan, and Chris Kolofsky.*

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Meeting** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Meeting. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #11** - *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #11. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as written. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - a. **2016 Yearbook Ad** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to place a quarter page ad in the yearbook from Selectmen’s Contingency. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
  - a. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate \$4,218.13 to the Ambulance Education Reserve and \$182.00 to the Library Reserve. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
  - b. **Board & Committee – Appointments** – *Motion by Emily Lane to appoint Dean Driscoll to the Harbor Committee. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
  - c. **Animal Control Officer’s Report** – *No report received.*
  - d. **Cemeteries Report** – *No report received.*
  - e. **Fire Department Report** – *No report received.*
  - f. **Harbor Master’s Report** – *No report received.*
  - g. **Knox County Deputy’s Report** – *No report received*
  - h. **Librarian’s Report** – *No report received.*
  - i. **MSFS Advisory Board Report** – *MSFS vessel report was reviewed. Andy Dorr reported from the meeting. There were discussions on the Rockland parking situation. There was a consensus of the*

*Board to see if John Anders from MSFS could come to a Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss parking. Brandon Osgood suggested writing letters to our State Representatives.*

- j. Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Andy reported the crew has been working on ditching. Maine Drilling and Blasting will be coming out to go over the project with Andy, Dan & FIEC and hope to have the project done in September or October. New Public Works Employee started today. Eric Gasperini asked about a quote from Mills Excavation for roadside clearing on Calderwood's Neck. Andy to ask Mill's Excavation.*

- k. Transfer Station Report** – *No report received. Andy Dorr reviewed the Revenue/Tonnage Analysis.*

*It was stated that department heads should be submitting reports on a monthly basis and it has been months since some reports have been received.*

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Isle au Haut Mountain Road** – *Andy Dorr stated that according to MMA Legal, Towns are not legally able to spend money on privately owned property. There is no road association currently for Isle au Haut Mountain Road. Phil Crossman suggested that the Town take the initiative to start the process of creating a Road Association. It was suggested to wait for the property owners to form the association (if they choose) and not the Town. Chris stated he was against the Road Association as there are some property owners that are unable to pay their share. It was questioned if the Town right of way was for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. It was suggested to get the Road Commissioners opinion of the road and to have him report on the condition and suggest possible remedies. It was also suggested to get an estimate from Mill's Excavation to rebuild the road with ditching and tree removal to Chris' property. Chris stated he was only asking for material for the road.*

*Motion by Phil Crossman to have the Town Manager seek legal counsel opinion if right of way means vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-D 2015-2016** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-D for 2015-2016. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

- 9. REPORT OF MEMBERS** - *Pam Alley suggested blocking Isle Au Haut Mountain Road after Chris Kolofsky's property with boulders and turning it into a walking path with space for a couple of cars to park on Town Property.*

*Eric Gasperini stated the Indian Creek footbridge needs the planks replaced. Andy stated it is in the budget but has been a matter of crew availability. There was a consensus of the Board to block it off if it's not safe.*

*Phil Crossman stated the Marine Railway by the parking lot is in need of repair. The concrete boat launch is broken and dangerous. Andy Dorr stated all of them (two in Town and one at the Thorofare) are awful but not in the budget to replace this year. There was a consensus of the Board to get estimates for next year's budget.*

*Pam Alley asked about the float. It was stated not in the budget for this year but will try to get an estimate for next year's budget.*

*Phil Crossman asked about single stream recycling. Andy Dorr stated nothing yet.*

*Phil Crossman asked about legal options and procedures needed for eminent domain for the main street sidewalk. Andy Dorr stated he sent a certified letter to Robert Indiana stating we will begin eminent domain procedures if we did not hear from him.*

*Phil Crossman stated the sink hole by Alternative Oil is getting worse and needs to be addressed now.*

**10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *Again Andy stated that he sent a certified letter to Robert Indiana stating we will begin eminent domain procedures if we did not hear from him.*

*Lane Construction was unable to do the paving before the September 18<sup>th</sup> deadline so we have cancelled the project. Currently seeking smaller driveway pavers to do a quick fix with roller for the parking lot, Summer Street and possibly “privilege hill” on Young Road. It was stated not an ideal fix but a Band-Aid until the next paving project is done.*

*Motion by Phil Crossman to accept the generator from ICMS. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

*The Public Works Building Committee met and are looking into current needs and what OSHA requires. Alternate places on Town owned property are also being looked at. Still a couple of months away for RFP to consider everything.*

*ICMS has asked about expanding the parking area but it is not clear where the property lines are. Andy suggested clearly identifying where the property lines are before any decisions are made. They are also interested in putting an addition on the building to accommodate all of their providers. Andy has suggested they come to the Board with a plan or vision for the organization so that we don’t just keep adding pieces haphazardly.*

*Pam from Maine Water Company was here in an effort to learn more about reconciling sewer accounts and help with communication issues.*

*It was discussed to use a different approach in “The Wind” for advertising for the Harbor Committee.*

*RPF for bank loans are going out next week. We are working with Pierce Atwood and it was noticed that the Treasurer’s Statement only included the Town Garage figures and the original warrant was not signed by the Treasurer. Andy to look into more.*

**11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Andrew Strachan stated he owned on Summer Street and the road is in horrible shape. It was stated that the road was slated to be paved during the next paving project but the contractor could not do the work by the deadline so the bid was pulled back. It was stated that it is still on the slate for at least a temporary fix until the next paving project.*

**12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

**Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Darlene M. York, Town clerk*