

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd, 2016

Immediately Following Special Town Meeting TOWN OFFICE

- **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 Betsy Hopkins, Leonard Skoog, Betsy Bates and Robert Candage.

- **MINUTES** – Approve the minutes from the April 12th, 2016 Meeting, the April 19th, 2016 Meeting and the April 25th, 2016 Special Meeting – Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 12th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3-0-2 – Phil Crossman and Pam Alley abstained.

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 19th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-1 – Brandon Osgood abstained.

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the April 25th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 3-0-2 – Pam Alley and Emily Lane abstained.

- **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #44** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #44. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.
- **APPROVE AGENDA** – There was a consensus of the Board to add 7b. Ambulance Report; 7c. Harbormaster Report; 7d. Donations; 9b. Tip Toe Mountain Foot Trail; and 9c. Review Draft Warrant for Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – None
- **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – Leonard Skoog stated that if he was still on the board he would vote to pull the plug on this lawsuit. He stated it was an issue with property abutters fighting and you are paying for it.

Betsy Hopkins asked about an email she sent regarding a waiver of dump fees after the Eldercare auction. Motion by Phil Crossman to waive the dump fees for the

Eldercare auction. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. It was asked if the waiver only pertained to the day of the auction, as there have been items dropped off that were unsuitable for the auction. It was stated that it would pertain to anything related to the auction but unsuitable items should be refused.

Betsy Hopkins stated she wanted to be sure that the deer population stays on the Board's radar and asked about the status of the special hunt. It was stated that a tick study was being conducted and then that information can be used to support an additional hunt.

- **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- **Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Road Commissioner's Reports were reviewed. Andy Dorr stated that all dirt roads should have been graded at least once now. The crew will be working on the Indian Creek footbridge and culverts.*
- **Ambulance Report** – *Ambulance Reports were reviewed. Andy Dorr stated that if any of the Board saw Marc Candage, Jenn Guptill or Candra Perry to thank them for all of the time they are putting into the Advanced-EMT class. Money is starting to come in for the race. Debbi and Barb still need HIPAA training.*
- **Harbor Master Report** – *Harbor master report was reviewed. There have been questions on moorings. The harbor was mapped by Sean Gambrel and Larry Hesselstine in 2008 +/- . It was questioned where this information is now.*
- **Donations** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept and appropriate \$600 to the Library reserve. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

- **OLD BUSINESS** – *None*

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Approve and Sign Liquor License Application for Lonnie & Kathleen Morton d/b/a The Harbor Gawker** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Liquor License Application for Lonnie & Kathleen Morton d/b/a The Harbor Gawker. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Application was passed for signatures.*
- **Tip Toe Mountain Foot Trail** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve the connecting of the Tip Toe Mountain foot trails. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **Review Draft Warrant for Annual Town Meeting** – *Draft warrant given to Board for review.*

- **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *A proposal was received from Landmark Corporation for professional surveying and engineering services for the sidewalk replacement on West Main Street from the Ferry Terminal to the crosswalk at Fishermen's Friend. Plans were reviewed to be sure everyone was in agreement. There was a consensus of the Board to go ahead with the plan (larger sheet) that had an entrance*

and exit to the Vinalhaven Fishermen's Co-op parking area on the east and west ends with beveled curbing to allow tractor trailer access to the bait freezer. There was a consensus of the Board to approve the Landmark Corporation proposal as presented.

There will be a meeting the week of May 16th with Marty Stein on the Public Works Garage.

Repairs are needed for the Galamander and Andy wanted to be sure it was on the Boards radar. There are lots of grant opportunities available for historic buildings but not many for objects.

There was a fire at the Transfer Station. It was stated that it is one more thing to add to the discussion. It was questioned why there was after hours disposals.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There was a discussion on the auditor's recommendation on fund balance. It is recommended to have either 10% of the total municipal appropriation plus one month of payments or the total of the three highest month's payments. The fund balance is currently on par for their recommendation.

With the assumption that the school budget is up 2% and the Town draft budget is up 3.7%, the tax mil rate would increase from \$10.16 to \$11.49. There was a consensus of the Board to re-visit Town the budget to make some cuts. Motion by Eric Gasperini to reduce the paved roads reserve to \$100,000. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Motion by Phil Crossman to reduce the Lanes Island Bridge Reserve to \$30,000. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. There was a consensus of the Board to reduce the Carrying Place Bridge Reserve to \$15,000. Motion by Phil Crossman to reduce the Salt & Sand budget by \$10,000. There was a discussion on revenues.

- **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Eric Gasperini asked about a rumor of a horse being on the airstrip and cancelling flights. No one else had heard the rumor.*

Phil Crossman asked if we have started to advertise for Barb's replacement. Andy stated he was looking into job descriptions and may have a discussion for an executive session soon.

Emily Lane stated there will be an Island Institute Retreat/Luncheon on the 16th. Over 40 people will be attending with lunches being served at the Harbor Gawker, @Cafe, and Homeport.

Phil Crossman asked about road striping. Andy stated that it was usually done in the summer/early fall but he is hoping to get it done before the close of this fiscal year.

Phil Crossman suggested making the Landfill ordinance more encompassing and addressing more issues when it is revisited. Pam Alley stated the Landfill crew has stopped cleaning the roadside by the landfill but when they made the effort it made a big difference.

Pam Alley asked if it would be possible to have the town parking lot clear of dirt, traps and debris for the Memorial Day parade. It was suggested to place an ad in the

“Wind” encouraging removal of items. It was stated that it is an enforcement issue. Emily Lane stated we were the only coastal community without parking fees and that these fees could help fund Harbor Master enforcement. Phil suggested we ease into enforcement.

- **2016-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP** – *Discussed during Report of Town Manager.*
- **ADJOURN** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk