

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
TOWN OFFICE**

1. **ROLL CALL** – *Selectmen Jack Olson, Eric Gasperini, Penny Lazaro and Dennis Warren; Town Manager Marjorie E. Stratton. Jessica MacDonald Martin and Darlene M. York arrived late.*

Also present were Andy Dorr, Angie Olson, Charlotte Goodhue, Eric Davis, Betsy Hopkins and Bruce Hopkins.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 Meeting** – *Postponed until Jessica MacDonald Martin is present. Re-visited later in the meeting - Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-2 – Dennis Warren and Penny Lazaro abstained. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS # 50** – *Motion by Penny Lazaro to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #50. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss the Interim Town Manager Position. Motion by Jack Olson to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Airport Public Advisory Committee Resignation** – *The Board received a copy of the letter to the County Commissioners from Marjorie E. Stratton.*
- b. **Town of North Haven regarding Policy 205, Rockland Terminal Vehicle Policies** – *The Board discussed Policy 205. There was a consensus of the Board to write a similar letter to John Anders.*

6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Ferry Advisory Committee - Resignation** – *Motion by Jack Olson to accept Bodine Ames' resignation from the Ferry Tariff Advisory Committee. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- b. **Ferry Advisory Committee – Letter of interest** – *Motion by Penny Lazaro to appoint Phil Crossman to the local Ferry Tariff Advisory Committee; to appoint Eric Gasperini to the MSFS Advisory Board; and to appoint Angie Olson as an alternate member of the MSFS Advisory Board. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.*

- c. **MSFS Advisory Board Appointment** – *See agenda item 6b. Ferry Advisory Committee.*
- d. **Maine Islands Coalition Appointment – Katherine Warren** – *Motion by Jack Olson to appoint Katherine Warren as a member of the Maine Islands Coalition. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- e. **Sealer of Weights and Measures Appointment – Robert M. Wiggin** – *Motion by Jack Olson to appoint Robert W. Wiggin as Sealer of Weights and Measures. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- f. **Harbor Master Resignation** – *Motion by Jack Olson to accept James Harris' resignation as Harbor Master. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. There was a consensus of the Board to advertise for a Harbor Master.*
- g. **Ambulance Report** – *Ambulance Report was reviewed.*
- 1. **July 27th Benefit Challenge – Close Roads** – *Motion by Jack Olson to close Sand's Road on July 27th for the Benefit Challenge. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*
- h. **Librarian Report** – *Librarian's Report was reviewed.*
- i. **Accept and Appropriate Donations** – *Motion by Jack Olson to accept and appropriate \$250 in donations to the Ambulance Reserve and \$69 in donations to the Library Reserve. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Road Commissioner Position** – *There was a consensus of the Board to advertise as the position currently exists and to add a discussion on expansion to the Selectmen's Goals for the upcoming year.*
- b. **Cummings Cemetery Acquisition** – *Donald Young has yet to sign the deed for Cummings Cemetery. He is now asking to take the easement back before he will sign the deed. Motion by Jack Olson to postpone Cummings Cemetery Acquisition until July and to have a discussion with legal counsel. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lease Agreements

- 1. **Earl Hamilton** – *Motion by Jack Olson to approve and sign the lease agreement with Earl Hamilton. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Lease agreement was passed for signatures.*

Angie Olson asked about the maintenance of the bridge. Road Commissioner, Eric Davis responded that it was on the list for the new budget year.

- 2. **George Lewis** – *Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve and sign the lease agreement with George Lewis. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried. Lease agreement was passed for signatures.*

3. Rockland Animal Hospital – Motion by Jack Olson to approve and authorize Marjorie E. Stratton to sign the lease agreement with Rockland Animal Hospital. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

4. Engine House Press – They are currently behind on rent and utilities. Motion by Jack Olson to hold off on the lease agreement until they are current. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

b. Town Manager's Resignation – Motion by Jack Olson to accept with regret Marjorie E. Stratton's resignation as Town Manager. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Olson to pay Marjorie Stratton's health insurance for July 2014. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Olson to buy the furnishings and household goods from Marjorie E. Stratton for \$1,000. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

MMA is currently working on so many Town Manager searches that they are unable to do the full service but offered a condensed service for \$2,000. There was a consensus of the Board to ask the approximate time for a full search but to get the ball rolling with the condensed service.

c. Contract for Sheriff's Deputy Services – Few minor amendments. Motion by Penny Lazaro to approve the contract for Sheriff's Deputy Services as submitted. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

d. Cemetery Mowing Contract – Due to health reasons David Brown is no longer able to mow the cemeteries. There was a consensus of the Board to advertise in "The Wind" this week. Luther Tolman has also submitted a list of maintenance items (setting of stones, etc.). There was a consensus of the Board to advertise for proposals.

9. REPORT OF MEMBERS – Jessica MacDonald Martin stated Mill's Excavation is doing a fabulous job on the North Haven Road.

Jack Olson stated he has personally received letters from the Vinalhaven Land Trust and Jim Boone along with a donated membership to the Vinalhaven Land Trust. It was questioned about the receipt of gifts. Jack to handle himself.

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – Marjorie asked about the Verizon cell phone. There was a consensus of the Board to cancel it for now.

Sweeper will finally be here on Thursday. There was a consensus of the Board to place signs on the phone poles along Main Street for no overnight parking.

Marjorie has been in contact with Keil Kempfer from IF & W about an additional hunt. He reiterated that it is a long process and recommended forming a committee to work on the process. There was a consensus of the Board to invite Keil to come to the island. Jessica MacDonald Martin

stated they were not looking as much for an extended season but to allow residents to have an additional tag.

A letter was received from MeDMR and there will be no elvers this year.

Marjorie gave an update on the SHIP Grant Project.

Paving bid specs are out with bids due by June 17th, 2014.

Calendar was reviewed.

11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter - Motion by Jack Olson to enter Executive Session at 7:40pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of Executive Session at 8:07pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN – Motion by Jack Olson to adjourn at 8:08pm. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: June 24th, 2014 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk