

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWN OFFICE**

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

Also present were Eric Davis, Larry Hopkins, David Bess and Wes Reed.

2. **MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 Meeting** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 4/0/1. Dennis Warren abstained. Motion carried.*

3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS # 44** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #44. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – There was a consensus to approve the agenda as presented.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Approve and sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant** – *Motion by Penny Lazaro to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

- b. **Proposed Special Town Meeting** – There was a discussion about how much has been spent so far for legal fees, for the Stevens case and everything else. The Town Manager will compile that information.

Motion by Jack Olson to hold off on scheduling a Special Town Meeting until the Selectmen receive more information as to the amount to raise and the amount spent to date. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 2/3/0. Penny Lazaro, Jessica MacDonald Martin, and Eric Gasperini voting no. Motion failed.

Motion by Penny Lazaro to hold a Special Town Meeting before the next Selectmen’s Meeting on May 13, 2014. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4/1/0. Dennis Warren voting no. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to have an open-ended article, with no specific amount in the article. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5-0-0. Motion carried.

- c. **Paving Project Discussion – David Bess, Consultant** – There was a discussion with David Bess about the next paving project. His fee is \$60.00 per hour. *Motion by Jack Olson to hire David Bess as a consultant for our next paving project. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.* The Town Manager will send the calculations for the estimated costs to David Bess.

- d. **Review goals for the rest of this fiscal year through June 30, 2014** – The work was reviewed as outlined in the attached memo dated April 25, 2014. There was a consensus to begin the preparation work as listed and take necessary funds from the Road Reserve account.

- e. **Selectmen / Town Manager Ordinance** – There was a consensus to review this ordinance as to who has the authority to remove those employees the Selectmen have the authority to appoint. The ordinance is not clear.
 - f. **Approve and sign Liquor License for Lindsay B. Davis, d/b/a The Sand Bar** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign the liquor license for The Sand Bar. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
 - g. **SHIP Grant – Review and approve Pile and Beam Specifications** – *Motion by Jack Olson to approve the Pile and Beam Specifications for the SHIP Grant. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*
9. **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – Eric Gasperini asked about a previous request for an additional hunt on Vinalhaven. The Town Manager reported that she had completed the research on Lyme Disease and will get back in touch with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to see how to proceed.

10. **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – See report attached.

11. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Wes Reed - Wes wanted to discuss the iron fence by the Civil War Monument. After Memorial Day, he wants to take pieces to a foundry and get estimates for repair. *Motion by Jack Olson to give the Lions Club permission to take on the iron fence around the monument as a project. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Del Webster - Del presented a petition to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. (The warrant had already been signed earlier in the meeting) The basic premise of the article asked if the voters wanted “more or less” property in non-taxable status. Town Manager, Marjorie Stratton advised against placing this article on the annual town meeting warrant. The voters have to say in how much property is considered non-taxable. This was also he advise of the Maine Municipal Association legal department. There was a discussion about the petition and whether or not it should appear on the warrant.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to put the article as stated in the petition on the annual town meeting warrant. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 2/3/0. Penny Lazaro, Jessica MacDonald Martin and Jack Olson voting no. Motion failed.

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 go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of executive session at 8:25 p.m. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.

13. **ADJOURN** – *Motion by Jack Olson to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 5/0/0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: May 13, 2014 after the Special Town Meeting.
Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie E. Stratton, Town Manager