

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

~~Tuesday, March 22nd~~, 2016 POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 2016

5:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Pat Lundholm and Marc Candage.

- **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the March 10th, 2016 Regular Meeting and the March 15th, 2016 Budget Workshop** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to approve the minutes from the March 10th, 2016 Regular Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-1 – Emily Lane abstained. Motion carried.*

Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the March 15th, 2016 Budget Workshop. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 3-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.

- **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #39** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant's #39. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda item 5b. ICMS. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- **COMMUNICATIONS**

- **MSFS** – *A draft of the letter to John Anders was emailed to Board members before sending. Andy received a response letter today from John proposing that the Thompson still be placed in service in Islesboro while the Margaret Chase Smith is in maintenance status, but the MSFS will add an additional trip (if resources are available) to the Vinalhaven route departing Rockland at 3pm twice per week using the M/V Everett Libby. Andy suggested getting the communities involved together in the future.*
- **ICMC** – *Dinah is letting the Board know that the Medical Center will be closing at Noon on Thursday, April 14th and will be closed all day Friday, April 15th for*

renovations. There was a discussion on the roof and that is not a simple replacement. It was stated that the Board needed more information from Dinah before we can decide how to tackle.

- **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – None**

- **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- **Board & Committee appointments** – *Motion by Emily Lane to appoint Niall Conlan as an alternate member to the Planning Board. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **Election Worker Appointments 2016-2018** – *Motion by Emily Lane to appoint the list of Election Workers for 2016-2018 as presented but adding Andrew Dorr and Penny Lazaro. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **Road Commissioner's Report** – *There is lots of lawns/dirt that was scraped up during plowing. Andy would like to have a policy in place before the next plow season spelling out exactly when we will be repairing roads, lawns or mailboxes. This year we are dealing with these on a case by case basis. Jacob Stanley looked at the chipper and it's not as bad as we thought. New Truck will be here next week. We don't have any material right now, nor a reliable driver. Brandon asked about grading the dirt roads. Andy stated we will be working on them over the next couple of weeks. David Arey has offered to go through the material stored at the shooting range, screening it and sorting it into piles for half of the material. There was a consensus of the Board, yes. David is also willing to work with Nick to grade the roads, and to show him how to pull material in from the sides. There was a consensus of the Board to approve as long as it does not turn into a full time job, and to also have David work with Jeremy Robishaw if he is available.*
- **Transfer Station Report** – *No numbers available – postponed to the next meeting.*

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Harborside Wharf, LLC – License/Permit for Fireworks Use** – *The MMA Underwriter has suggested that our Town Attorney re-write the License/Permit for Fireworks Use in a way that Central Maine Pyrotechnics shall indemnify both Harborside Wharf LLC and the Town of Vinalhaven for all liability. Motion by Emily Lane to that effect. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Ambulance Billing – Collection Agency Agreement** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the Collection Agency Agreement with The Thomas Agency allowing*

Town Manager Andrew Dorr to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Emily. 4-0-0. Motion carried.

- **Landfill – Disposal Rates** – *There was a discussion on the various fees currently in place and the differences in volume and weight. It was stated that scales were added into the 2016-2017 budget for consideration. Motion by Phil Crossman to raise the price of demo from \$60 per pickup load up to \$100 per pickup load. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Motion by Phil Crossman to raise the price of metal from \$20 per pickup load to \$50 per pickup load. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. Phil Crossman asked to have the Solid Waste Ordinance on the next meeting agenda.*

- **REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *Motion by Brandon Osgood to write-off \$74,296.48 in uncollectable Ambulance Accounts Receivable. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. It has been proposed to send one more statement to all outstanding patient balances, giving 30 days to pay before sending to the collection agency.*

Andy has been waiting to catch up with Gartley & Dorskey Engineer Bill Lane and Dan Bickford. According to Bill's plan we won't have to move the building. Andy hopes to have more information at the next meeting. One option is to put a bridge on top of the bridge. If we have to move the building we have to pay for it. Andy, Dan and Bill will be meeting later this week.

Rescue 2 has been having electrical problems. Pat has talked to Frasier and they offer free training in Texas once a month. We would have to pay for someone's travel expenses.

There was a discussion on holding a Special Town Meeting as we need to increase the Legal budget, the SHIP Grant budget and the Transfer Station budget. Andy will have more numbers at the next meeting.

Marc asked about the new Flood Maps. Andy stated that the Planning Commission tried to meet today. There will be a Public Hearing early in May.

- **REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Phil Crossman asked if we had heard back from MeDMR in regards to the Alewives project. Andy stated no, and was not sure that we would, he thought the project leader should hear from them.*

Phil Crossman asked if there was more on Louis Roberts gifting the Ball ground over to the Town. Andy stated no as he wanted the Town to pay all legal fees. We are continuing with the least for the time being.

Phil Crossman asked if the water was back on at the Old Fire Hall. Andy stated not yet. It was stated that we were supposed to be getting another cold snap next week.

There was a consensus of the Board to have the water turned back on by May 1st or at Jim Dwyer's discretion.

Phil Crossman asked where we were on the sidewalk projects, namely the Boards #2 priority, the sidewalk from Main Street to the Ferry. Andy stated a policy is needed for when we would put projects out to bid. Motion by Phil Crossman to put the sidewalk from Main Street to the Ferry out to bid. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0.

Brandon Osgood asked if there has been any word from the Coast Guard on the Point Ledge navigation aid replacement. Andy stated no.

Motion by Phil Crossman to place a two-page spread in the 2015 Town Report for the Memoriam and Dedication with pictures (if possible) of all of the residents that past in 2015. No second. All in favor.

- **2016-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP** – Andy reviewed the Fire Department goals. Fire Department Salaries; Wages; Insurance; Retirement; Service Fees (a new request is included for hose testing); Lodging and Meals; Travel and Transportation; Equipment (If a pooled county purchase is offered we may be able to purchase more. Digital radios are on the radar, estimated change over date is estimated to be in the next 5 to 10 years. Digital radios cost 2-3 times the price of analog. Brandon recommended to start setting money aside for the digital radios.); Equipment Repairs; Supplies; Gas and Oil; Telephone; Postage; Advertising; Training, Dues and Subscriptions; Hepatitis Vaccination; Pagers; Respiratory; Emergency Management; and Matching Funds Budgets were reviewed with Fire Chief Marc Candage.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept the Fire Department Budget as presented. Second by Brandon Osgood. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Andy reviewed the Public Safety Building goals. The Board needs copies of the individual budget sheets. Public Safety Building Service Fees; Equipment; Supplies; and Utilities Budgets were reviewed with Fire Chief Marc Candage and Ambulance Director Pat Lundholm.

Motion by Emily Lane to accept the Public Safety Building Budget as proposed. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Andy reviewed the Ambulance goals. Ambulance Wages; Insurance (next year this will be included in the Town Insurance Budget.); Service Fees (\$20,000 was removed for the Collection Agency as they will receive the payments and keep their payment directly.); Lodging and Meals (There was a discussion on the trainings held at the Samoset and the benefit of the networking when staying at the Samoset. It was unanimously approved to have employees stay at the Samoset for this training); Travel and Transportation; Equipment; Equipment Repair; Supplies; Telephone and Communications; Training, Dues and Subscriptions (Number of training hours for re-certification has increased from 38 to 52 hours.); Vehicle Expense; Patient Transport; Gas and Oil Budgets were reviewed with Ambulance Director Pat

Lundholm.

Motion by Emily Lane to approve the Ambulance Budget as presented with the \$20,000 decrease in Service Fees. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

- **ADJOURN** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk