

MINUTES

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 18th, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWN OFFICE**

- 1. 6:00 p.m. - EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter – Code Enforcement Officer / LPI Application – Interview**

Motion by Jack Olson to go into Executive Session at 6:00pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter – Code Enforcement Officer / LPI Application – Interview. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of Executive Session at 6:25pm pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter – Code Enforcement Officer / LPI Application – Interview. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

- 2. 6:30 p.m. - ROLL CALL – Selectmen Jack Olson, Eric Gasperini, Jessica MacDonald Martin and Dennis Warren; Town Manager Marjorie E. Stratton; and Town Clerk Darlene. M. York. Penny Lazaro was absent.**

Also present were Marc Candage, Eric Davis & Pat Lundholm.

- 3. MINUTES – Approve the minutes from the March 4, 2014 Meeting – Motion by Dennis Warren to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2014 Meeting. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 3-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained. Motion carried.**

- 4. APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS # 39 – Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #39. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.**

- 5. APPROVE AGENDA – There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda item 9. b. 6. CEO/LPI – Review.**

- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Vinalhaven 4th of July Committee – Marjorie read the letter received. It was questioned if the fireworks used would be Legal Maine Fireworks or other more powerful Fireworks. There was a consensus of the Board not to oppose but to keep the Town entirely separate and to send a letter stating so to the 4th of July Committee. There was no opposition to the 1st Annual Lobster Days.**

- 7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Ambulance Department – Patricia Lundholm – Report was reviewed. Runs are down compared to 2013 – back to 2012 numbers.**
- b. Public Library – Valerie Morton – Report was reviewed.**

1. **Accept and appropriate donations** – Motion by Jack Olson to accept and appropriate \$433.00 to the Library Reserve Account. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

c. **Road Commissioner – Eric Davis** – Reports were reviewed. Road Commissioner Eric Davis reported that as soon as the snow banks were down they would be starting chipping and that crushed rock has been added to Roberts Cemetery Road.

d. **Maine State Ferry Service Advisory Board Meeting March 6, 2014** – Marjorie reviewed the highlights of the Meeting. Jack Olson asked what the price was for just the parking system. It was asked “What’s the chance of getting rid of this parking system?” There was a consensus of the Board to recommend not having reservations on the “Thompson”.

A letter came today stating that DOT would no longer be paying for ferry tickets effective March 12th, 2014. There was no notice and no discussion with any of the islands prior. This change will cost an additional \$10,000 if we continue with the current system. There was a consensus of the Board to contact our State Representative and the Transportation Commissioner.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **2013 Town Report Dedication / Memoriam** – Postponed to the next meeting.

b. **Set date for Annual Town Meeting – confirm** – There was a consensus of the Board that either Tuesday, June 17th or Wednesday, June 18th would work. Darlene will check to see when the Auditorium is available.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Transfer Station Retaining Wall - Gartley & Dorsky Proposal for Engineering Services** – Motion by Jack Olson to go ahead with the proposal for the Transfer Station Retaining Wall. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

b. Budget Meeting

1. **Fire Department** – Fire Chief Marc Candage reviewed the Fire Department budget. Jack Olson asked about the “new” truck. Marc stated there were a few hiccups in the beginning but they are really happy with it.
2. **Ambulance Department** – Ambulance Director Pat Lundholm reviewed the Ambulance budget. Insurance, Supplies, Telephone & Uniforms line items were changed slightly.
3. **Public Safety Building** – The Public safety Building Budget was reviewed with no changes.
4. **Public Works – Review** – A few line items were reviewed in the Public Works Budget. There was a consensus of the Board to approve an increase in wages. Due to the change in ferry tickets, the cold patch line was increased to \$16,300. Marjorie to look at the Salt & Sand and Landfill Budgets more carefully and come back to the Board.
5. **Capital Projects – Review** – Capital Projects Budget was reviewed. Eric Gasperini suggested having a separate warrant article for the paving of Roberts Cemetery Road. There was a consensus of the Board to have one warrant article for all paving.
6. **CEO/LPI – Review** - CEO/LPI Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to leave as is.

10. REPORT OF MEMBERS – None

11. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *There was a consensus of the Board not to have employees go to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Training.*

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Calendar was reviewed.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to hire William “Bill” O’Donnell as Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector at the current wage. Second by Jack Olson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

12. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR - None

13. ADJOURN – *Motion by Jack Olson to adjourn at 8:40pm. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting: April 1st, 2014 @ 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk