

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were: Wyman Philbrook, Martin Grimnes from Harbor Technologies, and Eric Davis, Road Commissioner.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2014 Meeting** – *Motion by Dennis Warren to approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2014 meeting. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS # 36** – *Motion by Jessica MacDonald Martin to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #36. Second by Penny Lazaro. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a request to move the SHIP Grant discussion with Martin Grimnes agenda item before Communications. Motion by Dennis Warren to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Jack Olson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Yvonne Thomas, Vinalhaven School, regarding Estate of Mary Jean Ogden** – *Letter was reviewed.*
 - b. **The Maine Islands Coalition – Annual Assessment** – *Motion by Jack Olson to donate \$200 to the Maine Islands Coalition from Selectmen’s Contingency. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
 - c. **Jim Boone, Vinalhaven Land Trust, Use of Building for meetings** – *There was a consensus of the Board of Selectmen NOT to allow other large events on Tuesday evenings at the Washington School Town Office.*
6. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Road Commissioner** – *Reports were reviewed*
 1. **Temporary Closing of Roads** – *Motion by Jack Olson to restrict vehicle weight on posted ways from March 17th to April 30th, 2014 and to have the Road Commissioner sign the posters. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried*
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Proposed appropriation for VH Eldercare Services – MMA Legal Services reply** – *MMA Legal Department replied that the article could be amended at Town Meeting to restrict use to patient care.*

They also stated that the town or selectmen would have no greater role in the administration or operation of Vinalhaven Eldercare Services with a donation

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. SHIP Grant – Parking Lot Wharf

- 1. Gartley & Dorsky Engineering Proposal** – *Motion by Jack Olson to approve the Proposal for Engineering Specifications from Gartley & Dorsky and to instruct G & D to word the specifications to allow Harbor Technologies to bid on the project. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- 2. Martin Grimnes – Harbor Technologies** – *Mr. Grimnes gave a brief presentation and answered questions about the composite pilings. He stated that the specifications have to be written so as to allow for composite materials. See motion above.*

- b. Proposed amendment to Personnel Policy** – *Eric Davis presented a proposed amendment to Section 7, Discipline. He objected to the possible disciplinary action that could be taken against an employee “possessing a firearm, weapon, explosives or other hazardous materials/devices on town property.” The town manager stated that there are some town employees that have hunting rifles in their trucks during hunting season and the way this is written, they could be fired if they drove onto town property with the hunting rifle in the truck.*

The Board of Selectmen took no action.

- c. 2013 Town Report Dedication / Memoriam** – *There was a brief discussion, but no decisions were made.*
- d. Set date for Annual Town Meeting** – *Motion by Jack Olson to schedule the Annual Town Meeting for June 20, 2014. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- e. Budget Meeting**
- 1. Public Works** – *There was a consensus to add \$4,214 to the Equipment line.*
 - 2. Capital Projects** – *There was a consensus to add an article to propose borrowing up to \$85,000 for a new one-ton truck.*
 - 3. Cemeteries**
 - 4. Library**
 - 5. Debt Service**

The above budgets were reviewed.

- 9. REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Dennis Warren stated that he attended a Vinalhaven Land Trust Meeting where Tree Growth enforcement was discussed. He would like to see Vinalhaven enforce the Tree Growth Laws. Property owners should be held accountable for their tree growth forestry plans.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER –

Browns Head Lighthouse Appraisal: We received the appraisal for the Browns Head Lighthouse property. The Selectmen would like to know if we or a new owner would be able to develop a piece of the property or in other words, create another house lot. They instructed the Town Manager to make an inquiry.

Ferry Line in Rockland: There was a discussion about the proposed changes to the line-up procedures in Rockland. The Selectmen would like to see no less than 12 hours for the amount of time you are allowed to

be in line before getting on one of the ferries. Dennis Warren asked where people will park for less than 15 minutes, for instance, to drop off passengers or buy tickets.

11. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR – *Wyman Philbrook expressed concern about the lack of a Budget Committee. There are currently only two members. We will continue to advertise in the WIND.*

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – *Motion by Jack Olson to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(a) to discuss a personnel matter at 8:24 p.m. Second by Jessica MacDonald Martin. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Motion by Jack Olson to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. Second by Dennis Warren. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURN – *Motion by Dennis Warren to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Second by Jack Olson. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, March 18th, 2014 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie E. Stratton, Town Manager