

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Immediately Following Special Town Meeting & Carrying Place Bridge Informational Meeting  
(5:30PM)  
TOWN OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

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

*Also present were Donald Poole, Delwyn Webster and Bill Lane.*

- 2. MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meetings** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add “To review during budget time.” to 5b. & 5c.; to correct the last vote in 7a. to be “Vote 2-0-1 – Eric Gasperini abstained”; and to add “...that the floats be out by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016” to 7c. Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting as amended. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0- 1 – Phillip Crossman abstained. Motion carried.*

- 3. APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #22** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #22. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- 4. APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 7c. Librarian’s Report; 9b. Maine Water Company Service Contract; and 9c. Knox County Budget Meeting. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS** – *None*

- 6. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Delwyn Webster asked if the Board would support Vinalhaven Eldercare Services placing a container for returnable bottles & cans to be placed off to the side at the Landfill. Possibly an exactic placed on its side with shelves for totes. Motion by Eric Gasperini to allow a container be placed at the Transfer Station for redeemable bottles and can for Eldercare. Second by Emily Lane. 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Delwyn Webster asked about having the ditch dug out at the Thorofare to get the water off the road. There was a consensus of the Board to add it to the Public Works list to be done before winter.*

- 7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Board & Committee Appointments (Budget Committee)** – *There was a consensus of the Board to assign alternating 3-year terms for the Solid Waste, Composting and Recycling Ordinance Committee, assigning in the order listed.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Donald Poole to the Budget Committee for a term ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to re-appoint Marc Jackson as Library Trustee for a term ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Eric Gasperini to appoint Margaret Qualey to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Sea Level Rise Committee, both with terms ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0.*

- b. Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Road Commissioner's Reports were reviewed. Andy Dorr reported that the crew is finishing up at Zekes Point Road. He will be a meeting tomorrow with Linnell Mather and Kirk Gentalen on the hill before Swimming Pool Hill, Danny Bickford will be attending as well. Trucks are rigged for plowing and salted sand is being stored behind the garage. They still need to get to the Coombs Neck Road and need to do tree clearing. It was stated that winter may be the best time to do the tree clearing. It is hoped to get in one final grading done on the dirt roads. Phil Crossman asked about the school sign. There was a consensus of the Board to make the sign a priority. Delwyn Webster asked if we could get a crown on the dirt roads when the grading is being done. Andy to address.*

- c. Librarian's Report** – *The Librarian's Report was reviewed.*

## **8. OLD BUSINESS – None**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2017/2018 Budget Process & Timeline** – *Andy Dorr reviewed the 2017/2018 Budget timeline with the Board. He hopes to discuss department goals with the Board by the first of January and to begin budget workshops in February and to review Budget Committee recommendations in April.*
- b. Maine Water Company Contract** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to have Andy Dorr sign the contract with Maine Water Company on behalf of the Town. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0.*
- c. Knox County Budget Meeting** – *It was stated that the proposed county tax for second meeting today for Vinalhaven is down (even though the budget is up) as the State Valuation has gone down. Andy will be attending the Budget Meeting for the Town.*

## **10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER** – *A follow up visit is needed for the MMA IT Services to see what we have for equipment and how it is set up.*

*The Substance Abuse Community Group had a second formalization meeting today. The group will be looking for representatives from the town, school, medical center, church(es), Knox County sheriff, and possibly MSFS. This will be a community group and not a Town Committee.*

*It has been asked if the Town will allow or prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana. Many towns are now placing moratoriums on the sale of the product, similar to the idea of alcohol within a township. There was a consensus of the board to just keep their eyes and ears open for now. Andy to email some sample ordinances to the Board.*

*We have received a first draft of a homepage for the new website. Jocelyn, Darlene and Andy will continue to work with the developer.*

*Ron Harvey did a site visit of the Galamander and will be producing an assessment of its condition along with recommendations. It was recommended to remove the weight and to jack the real axle so the wheels are off the ground. The assessment will be done free of charge as long as we do something in his report to preserve this one-of-a-kind piece of the granite industry.*

*The Broadband Committee continues to meet and discuss way to inform the community about broadband challenges, needs and opportunities for improved service. Next steps include continued outreach to gauge the community's underserved areas, integrational workshops to showcase what can be used/accessed, keeping the shared workspace open through the duration of the internet service contract, and researching planning grants to help access our opportunities going forward.*

*A Sea-Level Rise Grant was awarded this summer and officially executed this fall. A second stakeholder meeting will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the 11.9' tide.*

- 11. REPORT OF MEMBERS** – *Pam Alley stated she was concerned with the lack of lighting on Main Street. Phil Crossman stated he also had 2 complaints this week. It was stated that the Eagle should be moved as you cannot see and it is a safety hazard. Andy Dorr to talk to Chip Farrington about street lights. It was suggested to have lights on either side of the Old Fire Hall. Pam Alley asked about having the outside lights and outlets looked at – at the library.*

*Emily Lane recommended placing a reminder in the wind about the floats being pulled. It was stated that it was already done.*

*Pam Alley stated that the Fish Plant Wharf was disgusting and needs to be cleaned up. Long term parking also needs to be addressed.*

- 12. ADJOURN** – *Motion by Phil Crossman to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

**Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Darlene M. York, Town Clerk*