

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016

6:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE

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

Also present were Delwyn Webster, Jessica MacDonald Martin, Katie Hooper, Burt Porter, Steve Zoloth and Cathy Quimby.

2. **MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the September 27th, 2016 Meeting** *Minutes were not available. Postponed to the next meeting.*
3. **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER’S WARRANTS #15** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve and sign Treasurer’s Warrants #15. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
4. **APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda items 5a. Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands; 5b. Letter from Crockett’s River Road Land Owners 7e. Librarian’s Report; and 9a. Set date for Public Hearing for Winter Road Closures. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands** – *Notice was received that Jennifer Wadleigh has filed an application to expand an existing float system at her property on Carver’s Harbor. A copy of this notice has also been posted on the counter at the Town Office.*
 - b. **Letter from Crockett’s River Road Land Owner’s** – *A letter was received today by email from the Crockett’s River Road Land Owners ultimately asking that the Town identify areas that are intended for blasting and that a road plan is made available before moving forward with the rest of the project.*
6. **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Delwyn Webster told the Board of an incident when a driver going 30-35 almost collided with him on the Norton’s Point Road. He stated he was concerned with the speed of drivers. East Main Street is like a race track, Main Street is full of four-wheelers & dirt bikes and Law Enforcement has lost control. He recommended having the State Police come out to the island unannounced 1-2 times a month. He asked if it will take someone getting killed.*

Delwyn Webster stated that there were currently 2 large fiberglass boats at the Transfer Station. Previously a boat was broken up and put into the dumpster and another one was burned. He wanted to be sure that the boats didn’t end up in the burn pile. Delwyn suggested charging more for the time

and effort needed to break up the boats and put them into the dumpster. The toxic ash is being pushed into a wetland. He hopes the Board will consider doing something about the Landfill.

Phil Crossman stated that law enforcement needs to be contacted to be aware of the problem. Phil recommended calling Knox County Dispatch when you see things happening. Phil also stated that the Board shared his concerns and that he Board was reviewing the Landfill Ordinance this year.

Pam Alley asked for more information on reports. Andy pointed out that there were 136 calls last month with only one Deputy and that a supervisor needs to approve any overtime duty. Emily had the understanding that the State Police didn't have enough man power. Andy stated he was told flat out that they won't come out

Jessica MacDonald Martin stated she was there to be sure that Zekes Point Road remains open this winter.

7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Ambulance Reports** – *Ambulance reports were reviewed. It was asked where the Town would be without Pat Lundholm! Unfortunately, this is something we may need to think about in the next few years. There is a problem with the generator in R2. \$5,586 has been received for the AED fund. Pat is reluctant to spend \$1,500 on a battery for LP12 until she know how long Physio will be supporting the LP12's, she is still waiting for this answer.*
- b. Harbor Master Report** – *Harbor Masters report was reviewed. There is an issue with storage of gear & oil at the wharfs. Marc Candage was called out when oil was left on the wharf and it was leaking onto the ground after it rained.*
- c. Knox County Sheriff's Office Reports** – *Knox County Sheriff's Office report was reviewed. There were 136 calls in September. This is as many as on the mainland and a lot for one Deputy with the limited number of hours. It was suggested to see if it could be possible for a second Deputy to come out between boats. Phil Crossman thought it would be helpful if the Deputy lived in town and that it would hopefully cut down on the speeding, and the number of vehicles not being registered or on the road when not legal to do so. Andy stated not sure what would be available for a family of 4 with the challenge of year round housing, but will try to look into.*
- d. Road Commissioner's Reports** – *Guardrails are needed for the Coombs Neck project. The crew has been exposing ledge on Crockett's River Road and Zekes Point Road to get ready for blasting. Priority for the crew will be to chase the blaster. The catch basin cleaner will be here this week. Eric Gasperini stated he will hopefully have time in a couple of weeks to work on the culvert inventory. Delwyn Webster asked if seed or mulch will be put on Calderwood's Neck Road, Young Road or Zekes Point Road. It was stated that it will be too late in the season when finished and will see what it looks like in the spring.*
- e. Librarian's Report** – *Librarian's Report was reviewed. There will be a Library Trustees meeting on October 19th.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Crockett's River Road Work** – *Phil Curtis was here again today looking at three areas in more detail. Discussed plans for blasting (See Blast Locations attached), shifting road over 4 feet, and raising the road to shed water. Cost estimates listed are for raw material only. The closeness of a well was questioned. It was stated that they were more concerned with the*

closeness to powerlines. It was questioned if the Town was following all of Phil Curtis' recommendations. Andy stated that about 85% will be the same.

Motion by Eric Gasperini to move forward at the discretion of the Town Manager and Road Commissioner using Phil Curtis' recommendations. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Delwyn Webster applauded Andy for having the Road Commissioner and the Road Crew at the meeting with Phil Curtis but felt that it was secretive. He was also concerned with Sophie's other well. It was stated that there was nothing secretive about the meeting. It was clearly stated at the last meeting that Phil Curtis would be coming out to meet with the Town and that it was not going to be another walk through with the property owners.

Andy Dorr stated that he would try to have clearer notes by the end of the week. Eric Gasperini thanked the neighbors for coming. The neighbors thanked the Board for listening and for the work that is being done on the road.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Set Date for Public Hearing for Winter Road Closures** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to schedule a Public Hearing for Winter Road Closures for October 25th, 2016 at 6:00PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Blasting will be taking place through the end of the month.*

Catch Basins Cleaners will be here for the next 2 days.

MMA Safety Auditor and Auditors will be here next week.

Jocelyn & Andy went to the MMA Annual Conference. Andy went to a workshop on Emergency Operation Centers. Marc is currently updating our Emergency Operations Plan and would like to do a mock drill when finished, the Board needs to be involved in this. Money should be set aside in an Emergency Operations Budget then if a disaster happens money is available.

MMA will be offering IT services with very reasonable cost estimates.

Will be looking into Pay Port Services after taxes are due.

Andy hopes to finish employee evaluations by the end of the month.

The State will be working on the Lane's Island Bridge in September 2018. No idea on the scope of work right now.

Phil Crossman asked what was being modified on the Emergency Operations Plan. It was stated it was more of a review and update to the information listed.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *Pam Alley asked if we have ever consulted with other small towns or islands to see what they do for Harbor Masters. It was stated most offer more hours and more pay. Upwards of \$20,000 – \$30,000, which is usually raised by Town Wharf and mooring fees. It was stated that other towns usually have one facility where we have three.*

Pam Alley asked if more of a description could be on the Deputy Reports regarding the ATV operation. Andy to ask.

Phil Crossman asked about turning the No Parking signs around at the Library.

Phil Crossman asked if we would be rebidding the Sidewalk project. Andy questioned if the project would be different in any way. Phil suggested going back out to bid exactly as it was the last time. Members stated they were concerned with no modifications as 2 companies that came to the pre-bid meeting never submitted bids. Phil thought it would send the message that we are looking for a better price. Motion by Phil Crossman to go out to bid again with the exact parameters as last time. Second by Eric Gasperini. Andy Dorr recommended creating a buffer and using a stamped pavement to differentiate from the roadway. Phil stated this is something that he would not like to see. Emily Lane recommended pursuing Andy's alternative. Phil recommended exploring the alternative while simultaneously going out to bid. There was a discussion on when the completion dates would be for the bid process. Leaving the date as Memorial Day 2017 was not feasible. Labor Day? July 4th? It was stated that construction should not be during the busy summer months. Vote 1-3-0 – Eric Gasperini, Pam Alley and Emily Lane voting No. Motion Failed. Phil asked now what do we do. Emily Lane stated she would like to look into alternatives before going out to bid again. Jessica MacDonald Martin stated her recollection was that Main Street was first priority. Phil stated when Jessica was on the board they voted to make to the ferry first priority and Main Street second. Andy wondered if the drainage issues would still be present if a stamped extension was installed. It was suggested to ask Landmark. Emily suggested having the Town Planner weigh in on the sidewalk project as well. Phil asked about the granite curbing that was purchased if an alternate plan is used. It was stated that they could be used for other sidewalks. It was stated that the sidewalk from Ingerson Street to the fountain was terrible. There was general concern with the maintenance of all of the sidewalks.

Phil Crossman asked about revising the Harbor Ordinance. Need to set up a meeting date with the Harbor Committee in the next couple of weeks.

Eric Gasperini recommended putting an ad in "The Wind" about the Planning Commission having only 2 members.

Phil Crossman asked about the Main Street Bridge Sidewalk project. It was stated that we will working on this in the spring. It will be a challenge and Dan is not comfortable with the excavation as the building may shift. There was a consensus of the Board to find a contractor that will do the work as we need to get this fixed and to make sure no one is living in the building.

Phil Crossman stated that Martha Carlson is interested in being on the Sea Level Rise Committee.

Phil Crossman asked about the speed limit sign for the school. It was stated that it has been shipped.

Phil Crossman asked about the Tick Study. It was stated that it has been done and we are waiting for the report but that 2-3 years of data would be better.

Phil Crossman asked about the Work Fair draft. Andy stated that he hadn't moved forward as there was an issue with them becoming employees of the town and there is not enough GA to support.

Phil Crossman asked about the Town Office Landscaping. It was stated that the Landscaping crews were all down on workers. It is hoped to have it looked at now and have work done in the spring.

Phil Crossman asked about the Recycling and Solid Waste Ordinance. It was stated that it is up to the Planning Commission to review ordinances but with only 2 members the board was defunked. Therefore, it falls onto the Board of Selectmen. Motion by Phil Crossman to create a committee and

charge them with reviewing the Landfill and Solid Waste Ordinance. It was recommended to have either Kenny or Luther as a member. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Phil Crossman asked if the Ferry Service Tariff Committee was charged with anything in particular on recent issues. It was stated that the issues raised did not warrant a meeting. There were questions on the "repeat calls policy" as someone had been denied a repeat call.

12. ADJOURN – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, October 25th, 2016 - Immediately Following the Public Hearing (6:00 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk