

MINUTES

TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Tuesday, September 27th, 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; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York.*

Also present were Janann Sherman, Elin Elisofon, Will Falcheck, Michelle Falcheck, Faye Grant, Wanatha Garner, Charles Farrington, Doris O'Hearn, Van Guilford, Jennie Candage, Willard Webster, Hilary Bunker, Wes Reed, Karen Oakes, Delwyn Webster, Bruce Young, Teresa Young, Shane Forner, Stephanie Sanborn, Stormy Dyer, Will Bunker, Bill Alcorn, Holly Sault and Phyllis Bodner.

- 2. MINUTES** – **Approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2016 Meeting, the August 23th, 2016 Meeting, and the September 6th, 2016 Meeting** – *There was no quorum present to approve the August 8th, 2016 Meeting minutes at the August 23rd, 2016 Meeting and the August 23rd, 2016 Meeting minutes were approved at the September 6th, 2016 meeting but Pam Alley should have abstained as she was not at the meeting.*

Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-1 – Phillip Crossman abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Emily Lane to approve the minutes from the August 23rd, 2016 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-1 – Pam Alley abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Crossman to approve the minutes from the September 6th, 2016 Meeting. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 3-0-1 – Emily Lane abstained. Motion carried.

- 3. APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #13** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrants #13. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- 4. APPROVE AGENDA** – *There was a consensus of the Board to add agenda item 9a. Liquor License Application for I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant. Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0.*
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Vinalhaven School Yearbook** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to place a quarter page ad in the Vinalhaven School Yearbook from Selectmen's Contingency. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

- 6. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** – *Wes Reed stated a quote was received for most of the pieces that will be used in the restoration of the Civil War Monument fence. Motion by Phil Crossman to go ahead with the restoration. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

Delwyn Webster asked again about the granite that he asked about awhile back. Phil and Delwyn visited the site to look at the granite which is currently covered by the screening operation. Delwyn stated he would be willing to pay \$5 per cubic foot. Motion by Phil Crossman to sell the granite to Delwyn Webster. Second by Eric Gasperini. Andy Dorr recommended waiting to see if it is something that we don't have a use for. Emily Lane stated she would like to have the Town Manager and Road Commissioner look at the granite. Phil Crossman withdrew his motion.

Delwyn Webster stated he hopes we don't spend more than we have to on the Crockett's River Road. He felt they had a good meeting with Phil Curtis and suggested holding off on the blasting until Phil could come back to review the neighbors map and notes from the meeting. One suggestion was to move one area of the road, Eric Gasperini and Andy Dorr both disagreed. Ditching is needed and a bucket or excavator is needed to do this, can't use a backhoe. It was suggested to have the road marked at 50 foot intervals. Elin Elisofon stated she would like Phil Curtis to come back out to be sure our notes are accurate and how to move forward. A 12 foot road is not sufficient unless there are areas on the side to pullover. If there was not as much blasting the neighbors would be much happier. Emily Lane expressed concern that being so late in the season and suggested we move along being mindful of the neighbors' concerns. Phil Crossman felt we received good guidance from Phil Curtis' visit and felt that it was not necessary for a return visit. It was suggested to looking into buying/renting/subbing a ditching tool. It was suggested to have Phil Curtis come back out and meet with Andy one on one. Motion by Eric Gasperini to ask Phil Curtis come back out to meet with Andy Dorr. Second by Phil Crossman. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Will Falcheck stated he was here because an inappropriate second vote was taken by the Planning Board on a project next door to him. On July 20th the Planning Board voted 6-0 to decline a permit for a large boat hoist. At the September 7th pre-meeting the applicant requested that the Planning Board vote again on the same application with no modification, as he had run out of time for an appeal. The Planning Board agreed to a re-vote and on September 14th voted 4-1 to approve the permit. He has concerns on the safety and ability for him and his customers to get in and out of his wharf. He stated he had placed petitions in several neutral locations and collected 148 signatures. He is looking to the Board of Selectmen for help on how to proceed from here. There was a consensus of the Board that they had no jurisdiction and recommended that he file an appeal. Will stated that he was told that he could not file an appeal as an abutter. It was stated that yes, he could file an appeal as an abutter. It was asked if it was legal to vote again on the same application. It was stated that permits can be revisited at any time. It was again stated that he had 30-days from the Planning Board vote to file an appeal.

7. COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Board & Committee Appointments & Resignations – Planning Board Resignation –

Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept with regret Billy Forner's resignation from the Planning Board. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

b. Ambulance Reports – Ambulance Reports for August were reviewed. This August was quieter than in the past. All three (Candra Perry, Jennifer Guptill and Marc Candage) have received their EMT-Advanced License. Brian Wright has also joined the Ambulance Crew and holds an EMT-A License. We now have 5 EMT-A on the crew.

- c. **Knox County Sheriff's Office Reports** – *July and August Knox County Sheriff's Office reports were reviewed.*
- d. **Road Commissioner's Reports** – *All of our winter sand is here. The crew has been working on Coombs Neck Road and getting ready for blasting. The question was brought up about purchasing a new dump body, as it was thought that we were patching the old.*

8. OLD BUSINESS – *None*

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Liquor License Application for I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant** - *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve the liquor license application for I. Torry Pratt d/b/a The Haven Restaurant. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

10. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER – *Maine Drilling and Blasting is schedule to begin work next week.*

Moving forward with the preliminary design process for the Carrying Place Bridge. More consideration is needed for the granite substructure. Tentatively planning for construction to begin in September 2018, pending town approval. Phil Crossman asked if anything could be done to the side of the granite to bring it back to its original state.

The State is starting to plan repairs for the Lane's Island Bridge. Letters have been sent to nearby property owners. No idea on the scope of work yet.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust has been presented with the ballground property and wanted to know if the Board felt it was a piece the town would consider accepting from them with conditions. It was stated that a Town Meeting vote would be needed to accept this. Ideally at an Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Phil Crossman to move forward on calling a Special Town Meeting, the sooner the better. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

11. REPORT OF MEMBERS – *Eric Gasperini read Brandon Osgood's letter of resignation to the Board. Motion by Eric Gasperini to accept with regret Brandon Osgood's resignation from the Board. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried. There was a discussion on holding a special election in January as time limits did not allow for a November election. Eric Gasperini proposed waiting until the Annual June Election. Motion by Phil Crossman to elect Emily Lane as Vice-Chair of the Board. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 3-0-1 – Emily Lane abstained. Motion carried.*

Phil Crossman had previously sent an email to the Board regarding the Sidewalk. It was stated that recommendations had been made to create a "walking lane" of stamped pavement when MeDOT repaves the road. Phil stated we have committed several times to do the sidewalk. Lots of work has gone into this. Andy Dorr stated improvements to the pedestrian way would be better than what we currently have. Emily Lane expressed concern on the Town Crew already having several projects and not having enough manpower to go around. It was stated that Kevin, Danny and the Town Crew have done a wonderful job previously on the sidewalks. It was stated that the stamped "walking lane" would look different than the paving to create a delineation. It would just not be 7" above the

traveled way. It was questioned if all of the drainage work would be necessary if the sidewalk was not elevated above the traveled way. It was stated that the next step would be to go out to bid again. If Town Crew and equipment is to be available for one bidder, it needs to be available for all bidders. Andy has reviewed numbers from previous sidewalk projects and drainage will be a huge part of this project.

Eric Gasperini asked about the Water District pipe work. Pam Alley stated it will be completed this fall. It was questioned if all areas would be repaved.

Phil Crossman stated we should let people know that we will be revising and enforcing the current Harbor Ordinance. The Harbor Committee needs to review the ordinance and make recommendations for any changes. Delwyn Webster stated the floats are not being kept clear. Andy stated we need to review the duties of the harbor master and that the 10 hours a month that is budgeted is not sufficient. It was suggested that the Harbor Committee come to the next meeting.

Phil Crossman asked what was happening with the Main Street Bridge sidewalk. It was stated that the project was earmarked for after Labor Day but Dan Bickford is not comfortable with the plan. If the building starts to move during the project, a contingency plan is needed to secure the building by jacking it up or sliding it back, as the pilings are free standing. It was suggested to look for another company to do the project.

Phil Crossman asked about the school speed limit sign. It was stated that it was ordered and that the shipping company had called about where to deliver it to.

Phil Crossman asked if Andy had contacted any of the local landscapers about the Town Office Landscaping. Andy to call around.

- 12. ADJOURN** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Second by Pam Alley. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. York, Town Clerk