

## MINUTES

### TOWN OF VINALHAVEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN – BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**6:30 PM**

TOWN OFFICE

- **ROLL CALL** - *Selectmen Eric Gasperini, Phillip Crossman, Emily B. Lane and Brandon Osgood;*  
*Town Manager Andrew J. Dorr; and Town Clerk Darlene M. York. Pamela C. Alley was absent.*
- **APPROVE AND SIGN TREASURER'S WARRANTS #35** – *Motion by Eric Gasperini to approve and sign Treasurer's Warrant's #35. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **APPROVE AGENDA** – *Motion by Emily Lane to approve the agenda as written. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - **2016-2017 Budget Workshop** – *Selectmen Budget was reviewed. Consensus of the Board to keep the budget the same as last year.*

*Legal Fees Budget was reviewed. There was an overview of past and current expenses including current land use cases, bond counsel, general council and the possibility of an appeal on a current Land Use Violation was discussed and having access to funds should be considered. Motion by Emily Lane to increase the Legal Fees budget to \$30,000. Second by Eric Gasperini. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Insurance Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to go with Andy's recommendation of \$70,277.60 including the added Aviation Liability.*

*Social Security/Medicare Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to go with Andy's recommendation of \$50,000.*

*General Assistance Budget was reviewed. State reimburses 50-70%. Number of GA recipients for previous years: 2011/2012 – 5; 2012/2013 – 8; 2013/2014 – 6; 2014/2015- 5. There was discussion on adopting a work fare program, Andy to look into sample programs. There was a consensus of the Board to go with Andy's recommendation of \$6,000.*

*Donations Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to budget the*

*following donations totaling \$4,330.*

*Memorial Day - \$1,400*

*Penquis Cap - \$430*

*Lifeflight - \$1,000*

*Surplus Food - \$500*

*New Hope for Women - \$500*

*Penobscot East - \$500*

*CEO/LPI Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to go with Andy's recommendation of \$23,157.*

*Assessor Budget was reviewed. Budget was set higher last year as the status of the position was unknown. Now the costs are split with the CEO/LPI position. There was a consensus of the Board to lower the travel & transportation budget to \$1,500 and to go with Andy's recommendation for the other line items for a total budget of \$18,959.05*

*Animal Control Budget was reviewed. There was a consensus of the Board to go with Andy's recommendation of \$5,700.*

*There was discussion on phone-in participation of meetings. Andy stated there is a bill going before legislature and asked if the board would like him to draft a letter in opposition. There was a consensus for Andy to draft a letter for the Board to review.*

- **ADJOURN** – Motion by Eric Gasperini to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Second by Emily Lane. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**Next Board of Selectmen's Meeting:                      Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 PM (Regular Meeting)**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Darlene M. York, Town Clerk*