

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JULY 22, 2020**

County of Knox, ss.

State of Maine

To: Tanya Robishaw, Resident of Vinalhaven, in the County of Knox, State of Maine,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Vinalhaven in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the **Vinalhaven School at 22 Arcola Lane** in said Town on **22nd day of July A.D. 2020, at 7:00** in the afternoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 through 48 set out below, to wit:

- Article 1** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to fix compensation.
- Article 2** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,000** for **Selectmen** from Fund Balance and to fix Selectmen's compensation at \$600 per member for a twelve month period.
- Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$321,615** for the **Administration Account**, \$8,300 from Clerk and Agent Fees, \$7,500 from Investment Income, \$9,070 from Fund Balance and \$296,745 from Taxation.
- Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$36,070** for the **Assessor Account**, \$15,000 from Tax Fees and Interest, \$1,500 from Fund Balance, and \$19,570 from Taxation.
- Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$40,000** for the **Professional Services Account** from Fund Balance.
- Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$61,365** for the **Washington School Municipal Building**, \$24,100 from Fund Balance and \$37,265 from Taxation.
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$121,335** for **Police Protection** from the Knox County Sheriff's Department, \$121,335 from Taxation.
- Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$218,975** for the **Ambulance Account**, \$50,000 from patient ambulance fees, \$1,380 from the Ambulance Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, and \$167,595 from Taxation.

- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$32,900** for the **Public Safety Building**, \$11,450 from Fund Balance and \$21,450 from Taxation.
- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$141,061** for the **Fire Department Account**, \$2,100 from Fund Balance, \$3,200 from Fire Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, and \$135,761 from Taxation.
- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$17,620** for the **Harbormaster Account**, \$17,620 from Watercraft/RV Excise Taxes.
- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$121,635** for the **Insurance Account**, \$19,350 from Fund Balance and \$102,285 from Taxation.
- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$65,650** for the payment of the Employer's Share of **Social Security and Medicare Taxes** from Taxation.
- Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$33,175** for the **Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector**, \$16,500 from Building Permit and Plumbing Fees and \$16,675 from Taxation.
- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$2,300** for the **Licensed Septage Site** from Fund Balance.
- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$5,325** for the **Animal Control Account**, \$2,300 from Dog Fees and \$3,025 from Taxation.
- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$428,460** for the **Transfer Station/Recycling Center Account**, \$200,000 from Transfer Station Fees, \$22,195 from Fund Balance and \$206,265 from Taxation.
- Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,000** for the **General Assistance Account** from Fund Balance.
- Article 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$481,510** for the **Public Works Department**, \$275,000 from Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, \$21,000 from State Aid Road Assistance, \$5,000 from Fund Balance, and \$180,510 from Taxation.
- Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the **Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve** from Taxation.
- Article 21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$190,000** for **Road Repair** from Taxation.

- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the *Public Works Vehicle/Equipment Reserve* from Taxation.
- Article 23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the *Ambulance Vehicle and Equipment Reserve* from Taxation.
- Article 24** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$2,500** for the *Equipment Reserve*, \$2,500 from Fund Balance.
- Article 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$35,000** for the *Roads Capital Reserve Fund*. \$35,000 or any amount as received from the State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP).
- Article 26** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$10,000** for the *Historic Sites Reserve* from Fund Balance.
- Article 27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000** for the *Landfill Equipment Reserve* from Taxation.
- Article 28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the *Sidewalk Reserve Fund* from Taxation.
- Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the *Harbor Reserve*, \$50,000 from Taxation.
- Article 30** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,000** for the *Fireworks Reserve*, \$3,000 from Fund Balance.
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$53,850** for the *Cemetery Care* Account, \$16,000 from Fund Balance and \$37,850 from Taxation.
- Article 32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$106,594** for the *Public Library Account*, \$6,000 from Fund Balance and \$100,594 from Taxation.
- Article 33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$145,135** for various *Town Properties*, \$10,000 from Payments in Lieu of Taxes, \$6,750 from Old Fire Hall Rental Income, \$10,500 from Fund Balance, and \$117,885 from Taxation.
- Article 34** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any unspent Payment In Lieu of Taxes at the end of the Fiscal Year to the Parks Reserve.

Note: Each year the Town receives Payment In Lieu of Taxes from various land trust groups with the intent that the funds offset Town Park expenses. As

the actual amount to be received is unknown until receipt, any amount in excess of the projected revenue and any amount unspent from the Parks expense line would revert to the Parks Reserve.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,000** for ***Donations and/or Social Services*** for the following organizations in the amounts indicated from Fund Balance.

Penquis CAP	\$ 500
Food Pantry/Surplus Food	\$ 500
Lifeflight	\$1,000
New Hope for Women	\$ 500
WCAP	\$ 500

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$59,800** for ***Planning/Community Development***, \$24,100 from Fund Balance and \$35,700 from Taxation.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$299,916** for ***Debt Service***, \$45,000 from Fund Balance and \$254,916 from Taxation.

2014 Paving Loan	\$ 73,000	Final Payment 08/01/2024
2015 Plow Truck	\$ 37,675	Final Payment 01/06/2021
Public Works Facility	\$100,725.50	Est. Final Payment 07/31/2029
Carrying Place Bridge	\$ 44,825	Est. Final Payment 07/31/2029
2019 Paving	\$ 43,690.50	Est. Final Payment 10/31/2026

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer up to 10% of the unexpended balances from various accounts as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount equal to the tax rate times the value of \$13,000,000 to fund the required Tax Increment Financing (TIF) payment to Fox Islands Wind LLC (90%) for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 pursuant to the Credit Enhancement Agreement between the Town of Vinalhaven and Fox Islands Wind LLC and to place the remaining funds (10%) from the total property tax payment in a reserve fund dedicated to capital improvements in or related to the TIF District.

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Vinalhaven by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax limit.

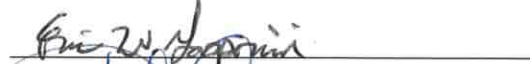
Note: LD 1 legislation requires that this article be taken up by the town meeting voters through a written balloting process.

- Article 41** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the manner specified by the donor.
- Article 42** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend funds for the authorized purposes.
- Article 43** To see if the Town will vote to set a date when taxes shall be paid, and if so, what rate of interest shall be charged on taxes unpaid after said date.
(Maximum allowable rate is 8.00 percent.)
Selectmen Recommend Due Dates of November 2, 2020 and May 3, 2021 and an interest rate of 8%.
- Article 44** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable, except for property tax-acquired from certain senior, low-income taxpayers who qualify for the special sale process required pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §943-C.
- Article 45** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of excess equipment and supplies on such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable.
- Article 46** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed for FY 2021, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.
- Article 47** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease real property and buildings for periods not to exceed ten years under such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable.
- Article 48** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2953.

The Registrar of Voters will be available at **Vinalhaven School at 22 Arcola Lane** from 7:00 p.m., on July 22nd, 2020 until adjournment of Town Meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty (2020), A.D.

Eric Gasperini



Phillip Crossman



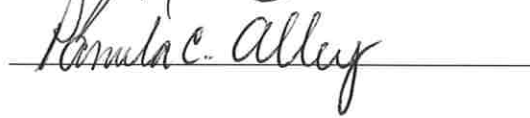
Donald Poole



Jacob Thompson




Pamela C. Alley



Selectmen of Vinalhaven

A True Copy Attested:


Elizabeth Bunker

Deputy Town Clerk