

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JUNE 20, 2018**

County of Knox, ss.

State of Maine

To: Jocelyn McLean, 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 **School Auditorium** in said Town on **Wednesday, the 20th day of June A.D. 2018, at seven o'clock (7:00)** in the afternoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 through 50 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 appropriate **\$307,845** for the **Administration Account**, \$8,500 from Clerk and Agent Fees, \$12,000 from Investment Income, and \$287,345 from Taxation.
- Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$29,183** for the **Assessor Account**, \$15,000 from Tax Fees and Interest, \$3,000 from Tree Growth Reimbursement, and \$11,183 from Fund Balance.
- Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$15,000** for the **Legal Services Account** from Fund Balance.
- Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$43,310** for the **Washington School Municipal Building** from Taxation.
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$145,765** for contractual **Police Protection** from the Knox County Sheriff's Department, \$145,765 from Taxation. (Budget Committee Recommends \$145,765: 5-1-0)
- Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$197,000** for the **Ambulance Account**, \$30,000 from patient ambulance fees and \$167,000 from Taxation.
- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$21,800** for the **Public Safety Building** from Taxation.

- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$133,546** for the ***Fire Department Account*** from Taxation.
- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$28,335** for the ***Harbormaster Account***, \$18,000 from Watercraft/RV Excise Taxes and \$10,335 from Taxation.
- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$68,285** for the ***Insurance Account*** from Taxation.
- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$56,730** 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 **\$24,390** for the ***Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector***, \$11,390 from Taxation and \$13,000 from Building Permit and Plumbing Fees.
- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$2,300** for the ***Licensed Septage Site***, \$2,300 from Fund Balance.
- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$7,515** for the ***Animal Control Account***, \$600 from Dog Fees and \$6,915 from Taxation.
- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$433,910** for the ***Transfer Station/Recycling Center Account***, \$150,000 from Transfer Station Fees and \$283,910 from Taxation.
- Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$3,000** for the ***General Assistance (Welfare) Account*** from Fund Balance.
- Article 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$499,465** for the ***Public Works Department***, \$250,000 from Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, \$21,000 from State Aid Road Assistance and \$228,465 from Taxation.
- Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the ***Public Works Vehicle/Equipment Reserve*** from Taxation.
- Article 21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$109,000** for the ***Roads Capital Reserve Fund***. \$35,000 or any amount as received from the State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) and \$74,000 from Taxation
- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$125,000** for ***Road Repair*** from Taxation.

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the ***Sidewalk Reserve Fund*** from Taxation.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the ***Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Reserve*** from Taxation.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the creation of the ***Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve*** for the purpose purchasing capital equipment related to law enforcement on Vinalhaven.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the ***Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve*** from Taxation.

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 **\$10,000** for the ***Historic Sites Account*** from Taxation.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the ***Harbor Reserve***, \$20,000 from *Harbor Fees* and \$30,000 from Taxation.

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the creation of the following Reserve accounts for the purpose of maintaining said buildings.

- Old Fire Hall Reserve
- Town Office Reserve
- Public Safety Building Reserve
- Library Building Reserve
- Transfer Station Building Reserve
- Public Works Garage Reserve

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$46,500** for the ***Cemetery Care Account*** from Taxation.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100,215** for the ***Public Library Account*** from Taxation.

Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$124,350** for various ***Town Properties*** as listed below, \$8,000 from Payments in Lieu of Taxes, \$3,350 from Old Fire Hall Rental Income, and \$113,000 from Taxation.

Town Wharf	\$2,000
Old Fire Hall	\$3,350
Thorofare Lease	\$3,800
Park Commission	\$8,000
Airfield	\$1,200
Streetlights	\$23,000

Hydrants	\$81,000
Indian Creek Lease	\$2,000

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the creation of the Town Parks and Property Reserve and to appropriate any remaining balance of the annual Payment In Lieu of Taxes at the end of the Fiscal Year.

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$2,433** for *Donations and/or Social Services* for the following organizations in the amounts indicated from Fund Balance.

Penquis CAP	\$ 473
Food Pantry/Surplus Food	\$ 300
Lifelight	\$1,000
New Hope for Women	\$ 660

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$28,000** for *Planning/Community Development* from Taxation.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$131,000** for *Debt Service* from Taxation.

2014 Paving Loan	\$74,500	Final Payment	08/01/2024
2015 Ford F550	\$17,500	Final Payment	08/01/2019
2015 Plow Truck	\$39,000	Final Payment	01/06/2021

Article 38 To see if the voters of the Town of Vinalhaven will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to borrow an amount not to exceed **\$1,000,000** which borrowed funds are appropriated for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new **Public Works Garage and Salt/Sand Shed**, including the acquisition of land, and to issue therefor the Town's general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, for a term of not greater than twenty (20) years; such bonds or notes to be issued at such rate or rates and with such other terms and conditions, including provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take or authorize the taking of any and all other action and to sign or to delegate the authority to sign such other agreements, documents and certificates and to grant such other liens or security interests to secure such financing as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish such borrowing; and to further raise and appropriate the first payment therefor of approximately **\$18,000** from Taxation.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Vinalhaven hereby certifies that:

1. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven currently outstanding is

2014 Paving Loan	\$390,000	Final Payment 08/01/2024
2015 Ford F550	\$17,500	Final Payment 08/01/2019
2015 Plow Truck	\$111,000	Final Payment 01/06/2021
2011 Sewer System	\$814,500	Final Payment 10/1/2031

2. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven authorized, but not issued, is \$0.
3. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven contemplated to be incurred if this Article 38 authorizing issuance of such indebtedness is ratified is not in excess of \$1,000,000.
4. The anticipated maximum annual interest rate on the debt is 4.30%. Assuming the issuance of the full \$1,000,000 of debt proposed to be authorized, level annual principal payments over a twenty (20) year term and an interest rate of 4.30%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$393,000 and would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid through maturity of \$1,393,000.

The foregoing represents an estimate of costs associated with the financing and such estimates will change due to market conditions. The validity of the voters' ratification of the notes shall not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimates. The ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the note issue is not affected by reason of any variance of actual costs from the estimates provided hereinabove.

Andrew J Dorr, Treasurer
Town of Vinalhaven

Selectmen Recommend Yes and to raise and appropriate \$18,000

Article 39 To see if the voters of the Town of Vinalhaven will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to borrow an amount not to exceed **\$550,000** which borrowed funds are appropriated for the purpose of constructing a new **Carrying Place Bridge** and to issue therefor the Town's general obligation bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, for a term of not greater than twenty (20) years; such bonds or notes to be issued at such rate or rates and with such other terms and conditions, including provisions for early redemption or prepayment, as may be approved by the Board of Selectmen; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to take or authorize the taking of any and all other action and to sign or to delegate the authority to sign such other agreements, documents and certificates and to grant such other liens or security interests to secure such

financing as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish such borrowing; and to further raise and appropriate the first payment therefor of approximately **\$10,000** from Taxation.

TREASURER’S STATEMENT

The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Vinalhaven hereby certifies that:

- 1. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven currently outstanding is

2014 Paving Loan	\$390,000	Final Payment 08/01/2024
2015 Ford F550	\$17,500	Final Payment 08/01/2019
2015 Plow Truck	\$111,000	Final Payment 01/06/2021
Sewer Loans	\$814,500	Final Payment 10/1/2031

- 2. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven authorized, but not issued, is \$0.
- 3. The total amount of general obligation indebtedness of the Town of Vinalhaven contemplated to be incurred if this Article 39 authorizing issuance of such indebtedness is ratified is not in excess of \$550,000.
- 4. The anticipated maximum annual interest rate on the debt is 4.00%. Assuming the issuance of the full \$550,000 of debt proposed to be authorized, level annual principal payments over a twenty (20) year term and an interest rate of 4.30%, the interest cost associated with the borrowing would be \$216,000 and would result in a total cost of principal and interest to be paid through maturity of \$766,000.

The foregoing represents an estimate of costs associated with the financing and such estimates will change due to market conditions. The validity of the voters’ ratification of the notes shall not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimates. The ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the note issue is not affected by reason of any variance of actual costs from the estimates provided hereinabove.

Andrew J Dorr, Treasurer
Town of Vinalhaven

Selectmen Recommend Yes and to raise and appropriate \$10,000
Article 40 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 41 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 2018-2019 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 42 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 43 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 44 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 45 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 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019 and an interest rate of 8%.

Article 46 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of tax acquired property on such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property, provided that notice of intent to sell and dispose of such property is posted for four consecutive weeks, except that said posting shall not be required if the property is sold to the owner or owners of record from whom the property was tax acquired.

Article 47 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 48 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

Article 49 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 50 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 the School Auditorium from 7:00 p.m., on June 20th, 2018 until adjournment of Town Meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 10th day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen (2018), 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

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Vinalhaven, Maine

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Vinalhaven, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the following locations:

All being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the ___ day of June, A.D., 2018 being at least seven days before the meeting.

Date

Jocelyn McLean, Resident