

**TOWN OF VINALHAVEN  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
JUNE 17, 2019**

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 **School Auditorium** in said Town on **Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 2019, at seven o'clock (7:00)** in the afternoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 through 49 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 **\$313,150** for the **Administration Account**, \$8,300 from Clerk and Agent Fees, \$20,000 from Investment Income, \$2,600 from Fund Balance and \$282,250 from Taxation.
- Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$31,525** for the **Assessor Account**, \$15,000 from Tax Fees and Interest, \$6,500 from Fund Balance, and \$10,025 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 appropriate **\$43,025** for the **Washington School Municipal Building** from Taxation.
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$130,400** for **Police Protection** from the Knox County Sheriff's Department, \$130,400 from Taxation.
- Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$231,445** for the **Ambulance Account**, \$50,000 from patient ambulance fees and \$181,445 from Taxation.
- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$31,375** for the **Public Safety Building**, \$10,000 from Fund Balance and \$21,375 from Taxation.

- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$141,225** for the ***Fire Department Account***, \$5,650 from Fund Balance and \$135,575 from Taxation.
- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$32,475** for the ***Harbormaster Account***, \$18,000 from Watercraft/RV Excise Taxes, \$5,000 from Fund Balance, and \$9,475 from Taxation.
- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$96,165** for the ***Insurance Account*** from Taxation.
- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$64,175** 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 **\$25,250** for the ***Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector***, \$12,500 from Building Permit and Plumbing Fees and \$12,750 from Taxation.
- 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 **\$7,600** for the ***Animal Control Account***, \$2,000 from Dog Fees and \$5,600 from Taxation.
- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$433,445** for the ***Transfer Station/Recycling Center Account***, \$175,000 from Transfer Station Fees, \$10,800 from Fund Balance and \$247,645 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 **\$562,750** for the ***Public Works Department***, \$275,000 from Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, \$21,000 from State Aid Road Assistance, \$30,000 from Fund Balance, and \$236,750 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 **\$100,000** for the ***Roads Capital Reserve Fund***. \$35,000 or any amount as received from the State of Maine Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) and \$65,000 from Taxation

- Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100,000** 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 raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the **Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve** from Taxation.
- Article 26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$15,000** for the **Landfill Equipment Reserve** from Taxation.
- Article 27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the **Historic Sites Account** from Taxation.
- Article 28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** for the **Harbor Reserve, \$50,000** from Taxation.
- Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for the **Old Fire Hall Reserve, \$5,000** from Taxation.
- Article 30** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for the **Fireworks Reserve, \$3,000** from Taxation.
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500** for the **Equipment Reserve, \$2,500** from Taxation.
- Article 32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$46,500** for the **Cemetery Care Account** from Taxation.
- Article 33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$102,750** for the **Public Library Account** from Taxation.
- Article 34** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$139,300** for various **Town Properties** as listed below, \$8,000 from Payments in Lieu of Taxes, \$3,350 from Old Fire Hall Rental Income, \$3,000 from Fund Balance, and \$124,950 from Taxation.

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| Town Wharf      | \$ 6,900 |
| Old Fire Hall   | \$ 6,350 |
| Thorofare Lease | \$ 3,800 |
| Park Commission | \$ 8,000 |
| Airfield        | \$ 1,200 |
| Streetlights    | \$25,950 |

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| Hydrants           | \$86,600 |
| Indian Creek Lease | \$ 500   |

**Article 35** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any remaining balance of the annual Payment In Lieu of Taxes at the end of the Fiscal Year to the Parks Reserve.

**Article 36** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$2,358** for *Donations and/or Social Services* for the following organizations in the amounts indicated from Fund Balance.

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| Penquis CAP              | \$ 258  |
| Food Pantry/Surplus Food | \$ 300  |
| Lifelight                | \$1,000 |
| New Hope for Women       | \$ 693  |
| WCAP                     | \$ 107  |

**Article 37** To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate **\$56,500** for *Planning/Community Development*, \$28,500 from Fund Balance and 28,000 from Taxation.

**Article 38** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$165,100** for *Debt Service* from Taxation.

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| 2014 Paving Loan      | \$74,500 | Final Payment      | 08/01/2024 |
| 2015 Ford F550        | \$17,500 | Final Payment      | 08/01/2019 |
| 2015 Plow Truck       | \$38,500 | Final Payment      | 01/06/2021 |
| Public Works Facility | \$16,025 | Est. Final Payment | 07/31/2029 |
| Carrying Place Bridge | \$ 8,825 | Est. Final Payment | 07/31/2029 |
| 2019 Paving           | \$ 9,750 | Est. Final Payment | 10/31/2026 |

**Article 39** 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 40** 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 2019-2020 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 41** 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 42** 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 43** 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 44** 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 9.00 percent.)*  
Selectmen Recommend Due Dates of November 1, 2019 and May 1, 2020 and an interest rate of 9%.

**Article 45** 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 46** 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 47** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year that are not yet due or assessed, and to pay interest thereon at a rate of 0%.

**Article 48** 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 49** 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 until adjournment of Town Meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Nineteen (2019), A.D.

Eric Gasperini \_\_\_\_\_

Phillip Crossman \_\_\_\_\_

Donald Poole \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob Thompson \_\_\_\_\_

Pamela C. Alley \_\_\_\_\_

**Selectmen of Vinalhaven**

A True Copy Attested:

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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:

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All being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the \_\_\_ day of June, A.D., 2019 being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Date

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Tanya Robishaw, Resident