



## Town of Vinalhaven

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Letter of Support regarding commuter/ambulance boat concept

Dear William Pulver,

Please find this letter of support for the DOT's consideration for a proposal of a commuter/ambulance vessel to serve the Maine islands and coastal communities of Penobscot Bay. The emergency services on Vinalhaven are limited with the means of transporting patients to the mainland, particularly at night. At a minimum, the crew and patient wait over one hour and as many as four hours before a transfer/transport is completed.

As you can imagine this wait time can be critical for saving a life. If there were a service or vessel that could fill that need to transport and do so with a quicker patient delivery, it would be a great resource in protecting our patients. While we recognize such a consideration will require significant review and criticism, our service is supportive of the concept presented by Martin Grimnes.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or our EMS Director, Kerry McKee for more information. She can be reached at [kmckee@townofvinalhaven.org](mailto:kmckee@townofvinalhaven.org).

Sincerely,

  
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