



Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 08-17th-2020

Members Present: Mac Hardy (Chair), Paul Crockett, Sherene Gilman

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, Becky Seel, Ron Lockwood and Mark Gilbert

Signed Warrant.

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
3. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 08/03/2020

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman

Motion passed: unanimous

Noise Ordinance Issue with random Fireworks in Village area

Hardy, spoke about a complaint about fireworks going off in the village district, neighbors were upset along with animals involved. Crockett mentioned he is also upset as well. A letter was sent out outlining the opinion of the board regarding the situation of setting off fireworks in the village district.

Kerry Casey and Becky Seel Speaking to Board

Casey, introduced Becky Seel to the Selectboard, mentioning working together on a proposal between a resident and the town of Mt Vernon. Casey spoke of the history of the property, including abatements for the liens. Also mentioning working with Becky Seel to make sure the resident and the town can come to an equitable solution. Becky Seel spoke to the Selectboard outlining the goal and solution to have the resident continue to live in the mobile home, make payments and not have the town acquire the mobile home. Hardy asked Seel if she is committed to seeing it through, Seel responded yes, she is committed. Gilman mentioned the goal is to make sure this isn't habitual, Seel agrees and said she is committed to making sure it's not habitual.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve the agreement the Mt. Vernon Treasurer and Becky Seel formulated

Motion passed: unanimous

Lee Dunn-Roads and Paving Bid

Hardy, spoke about his meeting with Lee about the Roads, discussing the upcoming projects, and the work that needs to be done. Outlining Cottle Hill Rd, where there is erosion and losing the curve of the road. Continuing about the All-State quote could be used for the Plains Road and not the Bean Rd. Hardy mentioned Dunn got a lower price than what was quoted. The Selectboard discussed the quote provided by All-State and worked out that the Bean Rd will not be going forward but the Plains Road will.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to accept All-State quote up to \$39,396.60 for the Plains Rd

Motion passed: unanimous

Hardy spoke about his meeting with the MDOT and Road Commissioner about the closing of the Blake Hill Road bridge. Further, Hardy said they will post a load limit of 10 tons for the bridge. School buses and heavy construction trucks will not be able to pass, looking to closing the bridge in the next 3-4 years and removing it. Crockett asked if the town could split the cost of repairing the bridge. Hardy shared there will be further discussions on the Bridge, but the word needs to get out of the possible reduction in load limit.

Discussion and updating Bidding and Procurement Policy

Presented to the Selectboard to be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion and updating of municipal Goals for Team

Phone Router, see Other Business

Gilman discussed the informational flyer and will report back to the next meeting. Gilman mentioned the Clerk's goals, to give more detail on "expand services to citizens". Mentioning the clerks still must process rapid renewal while losing the agent fee. Discussing that the hours are not accessible to all citizens. Hardy spoke about looking at hours. Asking the clerks to come in to discuss the above-mentioned question. Hardy mentioned having all department head meeting one day next month.

Crockett talked about the basement, to be discussed next meeting. Crockett to figure out the generator located downstairs.

Discussion of Administrative Assistant Job Description

Presented to the Select Board to be discussed at next meeting.

Other Business

- 1) Accept Gift from Clyde Dyar to Town of MV a Keurig Coffee Brewer

Motion by Crockett to accept seconded by Gilman to accept the donation of a Keurig Coffee Brewer

Motion passed: unanimous

- 2) Update by Paul on phone Router

Crockett discussed the new router and unregistered phone system linking a correlation. Crockett continued to discuss the continuing problem with our phones after replacing the systems. Timeframe, Crockett, said he will monitor the situation and possibly go back to the carrier.

3) Receiving of Electronic Billboard Grant

Wright discussed he acquired a grant for the purchasing of an Electric Billboard for the town. The Selectboard discussed one at the town hall and community center for having one double facing in the town hall. Crockett mentioned thought regarding what the top design on the sign should look like, and perhaps to contact Sign Works for help and estimate. Further discussion at the next meeting.

4) RSU38 Update- Alex

Wright discussed the School Board approved a hybrid model for the school year.

Hardy brought up the MMA announcement for Freedom of Access training is required for himself and Gilman. Such training is required each time you are elected and must be completed within 120 days from taking the oath of office.

Hardy brought to the board an MDOT proposal for central village traffic. Ron Lockwood spoke about the possible difficulty with plastic standing flashers and fire trucks. The Selectboard will discuss this at the next meeting.

Crockett mentioned Brett Roberts is looking to leave his off-road contract. Gilman suggests we should go out to bid for the contract. Selectboard to discuss later.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to accept Cassandra White resignation Transfer Station

Motion passed: unanimous

4. Adjournment: 8:57 pm

Motion to adjourn by Gilman seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous