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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 04-27-2020

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Paul Crockett (Chair),

Members Absent: Clyde Dyar

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, Carole O'Connell

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 04/13/2020

Motion to accept the minutes by Jackson seconded by Dyar

Motion passed: unanimous

Mt Vernon Transfer Station

Crockett mentioned his conversation with Carole about last week we ran out of space, then one of the compactors was not working this past weekend. O'Connell spoke how she had Steve Mallon, electrician, come out and could not figure it out. She called Waste Management to come out sometime this week. Jackson mentioned how when an issue occurs its good for the Selectboard to be notified. O'Connell mentioned how the Transfer Station is at capacity. Recommends that we open next Wednesday to help mitigate trash increases and be able to schedule waste pickup more efficiently. Crockett reviewed with Casey and proposed that we could open the Transfer Station on Wednesday, May 6th from 3-7 pm with two attendings. Carole mentioned the snow contractor for plowing the Transfer station ripped up concrete blocks including rebar. Carole mentioned it could be a hazard. Crockett said he would contact him about it.

FY 20-21 Budget, Discussion

Wright and Casey presented to the Selectboard the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021. Jackson proposed that we discuss the budget at another time when Dyar is available. Jackson discussed further she wants the Budget Committee and the Selectboard to meet and

discuss the numbers together. The Selectboard discussed position numbers under Admin. They discussed the Treasurer position, including the reasoning for being paid \$23 per hr. The Selectboard discussed the Administrative Assistant position and mentioned merging, newsletter, and possibly GA, equating to \$20 hr. The Selectboard mentioning raising Lawn Caretaker and Custodian positions to \$15 per hr., mentioning further the question about Lawn Caretaker over time, and finding alternative ways to prevent overtime. Casey spoke about the CEO position, not asking for a wage increase, Selectboard acknowledged. Casey and Wright mentioned the Fire Departments' budget, including the increases. A question arose around why there is a line item for Turnout gear for \$3,500 when there was a large recent purchase of turnout gear. Wright went over their salary budget increases; Casey discussed item increases. Crockett asked Wright about the RSU38 budget, Wright responded they are having the discussion May 6th and Wright said a personal goal is to 0 out the budget to lessen the impact on local towns. The Selectboard went on to discuss the Roads Budget, Wright and Casey, discussed the details of the proposed budget. Wright mentioned he spoke with Lee about the offer by All-State Paving to keep last year's rate for this year. Wright mentioned we are waiting to hear back from Pike Industries. Wright read over the Broadcast TV proposed budget for this year. Crockett mentioned how it was originally a volunteer position, and how it evolved to what it is today. Jackson commented on how we could record the meetings and put them on YouTube. Wright mentioned Readfield contracts a person to record their Selectboard meeting. Crockett said he knew the guy personally and would reach out, went further that people should be able to reach out when we are having the meeting. Casey spoke about the Library and their proposed increase in hours and their corresponding operational increase due to current expansion and past. The Selectboard acknowledged the reason for the increase. Wright asked the question if we have asked Vienna for more money for the Library, deferred to Dorcus Riley. Wright mentioned he spoke with Troiano and Riverside, to get prices together and some proposals.

Voting Annual Town Meeting, Discussion

Crockett mentioned how we should have the annual town meeting at the Mt Vernon Elementary gym. Jackson mentioned she if it would be possible to have the meeting outside. Crockett didn't concur, thinking it would be too hot or weather permitting for the meeting, also it would be very hard to hear people at a distance. Jackson mentioned the possibility of mail-in ballots from her conversation with the Clerks.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson to move the town meeting to July 18th and voting day July 14th

Motion passed: 2/3

Printer and Postage meter lease

Wright presented to the Selectboard printer quotes from Budget Document Technology and Kyocera, TBD, and A-Copy. Crockett spoke about how he used Budget Document Technology in the past and he likes the company. The Selectboard discussed further the operations of using the copier with color, including adding passwords for using color. Selectboard agreed it would be a good idea. Wright mentioned he asked for a quote today from Budget Document Technology for a new postage meter and would ask to bring this conversation up at the next meeting.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson, to accept Budget Document Technology printer lease Konica Minolta Bizhub C300i

Motion passed: 2/3

Municipal Beach, Discussion

Jackson mentioned the Beach Committee decided not to run swimming lessons. Jackson mentioned also to remove the rafts and hide them away from the public to prevent damage. Jackson recommends we install the boat launch. Crockett suggests we use the budget from the committee to pay someone to remove the rafts to somewhere secure. Tabled to next meeting.

Other Business

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson to approve a Quick Claim Deed

Motion passed: 2/3

4. Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Motion by Dyar seconded by Jackson to adjourn

Motion passed: unanimous