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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 08-31th-2020

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, June Caldwell, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Andrew Marble, Sandy Wright, Jon Damen, Jeff Doty, and Ken Scheno

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 08/17/2020

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman

Motion passed: unanimous

Code Enforcement Officer, discussion

Andrew Marble, CEO for Mt Vernon, discussed a violation on Hanes Drive, about a cutting happening there. Discussed a commercial timber harvest that happened on a 25% grade hill requires a Planning Board Approval. Marble presented the Selectboard pictures of an about a 1-acre clear cut. Doty, spoke about the clear-cutting of the lot, Damen, spoke about how he was responsible for the clear cut. Damen spoke about his reasoning behind his no concern of clear-cutting the location. Marble explained how he determined sloped and he used to google earth. One remedy could be the hearthstone violation: to proportional fine, the amount of money made form the harvest. The reasoning behind the clearing was to build a cabin on the property. Hardy asked Marble what would he recommend? Marble deferred to the Selectboard. Hardy asked Damen what would be an appropriate fine? Damen explained it was his responsibility to know better.

Damen mentioned he would like to provide a service, instead of paying a monetary fine. Marble proposed reaching out to 30 Mile alliance and valuating a fine. Gilman asked that incorporating into the community there should be a slap on the hand. For Damen Gilman mentioned she does not believe he was malicious. Crockett proposed a \$500 fine. Casey proposed having it in escrow until there would be a problem. Hardy, proposed a \$200 fine plus service to the town by looking at the

sight to make remedies if needed, coordinated by Marble. Marble proposes a consent agreement to meet once in September and November and remedy and erosion proposal approval of the CEO.

Motion by Crockett to have a \$200 Marble proposes a consent agreement to meet once in September and November and remedy and erosion proposal approval of the CEO second by Gilman.
Motion passed: unanimous.

Off-Road Contract, discussion

Hardy asked the following questions

- How are we going to guarantee the equipment?
- Who is going to get salt and sand?
- Insurance/bond has to be in?
- Proof of contractor liability?
- Subcontractor information?
- Outstanding liability?

Add additional language for the contract and bid it out in March.

Community Center Update, Rental Agreement

Cauldwell presented to the Selectboard her recommendation of an addendum for the community center. She got her recommendations from Dan Onion. Hardy mentioned adding CDC recommendation and the governor's recommendations, Cauldwell mentioned sees it in compliance. Cauldwell will remove the case by case clause. Add "according to Maine CDC" instead of CDC. To be approved at the next meeting.

CPC Sandy Wright, Downtown Discussion

Wright presented to the Selectboard the MDOT Plan for installing rods in the Village district to mitigate speeding. Hardy mentioned his concern about the change in traffic flow and trucks using the Blake hill road will now go through the village district. Crockett asked how much mitigation would be changed if they remove the triangle?

Motion by Crockett to sign for the Selectboard upon acceptance of the conditions by the town of the Mt Vernon seconded by Gilman.

Motion passed: unanimous.

Sandy spoke about the Aging and Place committee discussion with MDOT about sidewalks. Paragraphing MDOT, if there are no sidewalks there is no need for crosswalks.

Discuss and potential approval of the Bid Policy

Wright and Casey presented the Bidding and Procurement policy explaining sections of the policy. Casey mentioned the need for having a handle on who can charge to the town of Mt Vernon. Gilman mentioned we might need to step into controlling charging to the town. Add department signatures of individuals' signature and printed name to signify incurred cost. Revisit at the next meeting.

Administrative Assistant job description, discussion

Motion to accept the edits to administrative assistant job description by Gilman.

Motion passed: uniramous

Other Business

Crockett will setup the zoom meeting for Selectboard meetings.

Motion by Hardy seconded by Gilman to appoint David Weeks to the Transfers station committee
Motion passed: 2/3 1 abstention

Wright asked for the Selectboard to approve the eco-marine coming 9/26/2020

Waste Management Contract

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to accept the Waste Management 5-year Contract to have Chairmen signed.

Motion passed: unanimous

Blake Hill Bridge, budget discussion

Gilman would like to discuss this at a later point. Inviting Ben Foster to the next meeting. Hardy discussed that the state wouldn't want to get involved and the pricing of a new bridge would fall on the road commissioner.

Tax Abatement

Motion by Crockett seconded by Hardy to accept recommended abatements by Assessor.

Motion passed: unanimous

KVCOG, discussion

Wright presented to the Selectboard the potential benefits of joining. The Selectboard wants Wright to investigate some of their questions. Meet with the representative next meeting.

Electronic Billboard location, discussion

To have the Electronic Billboard perpendicular to the road Infront of Town Hall.

Tammy McLaughlin Rider, Soccer fields

Motion by Hardy to grant Marancacook soccer field and will provide an insurance binder to the town.

Motion passed: unanimous

Town of Belgrade, Transfer Station Shredding

Wright went through the procedures going to be used. Scheno will post the notifications in Mt Vernon. Scheno mentioned Readfield might ask Belgrade to join them in their hazard waste committee.

Motion by Crockett to approve the shredding agreement with the town of Belgrade.

Motion passed: unanimous.

4. Adjournment: 9:45 pm

Motion to adjourn by Gilman seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous