

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018

The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Trish Jackson, Ron Lockwood, Marti Gross, Rob Duplisea, Jr., Roger Peppard, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:00pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:00pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 7/23/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Meet with assessor and set tax rate.** Duplisea and Rogers from RJD appraisals are in attendance. They have one abatement that needs to be approved. It was assessed incorrectly. The assessor at the time did not take the acreage off the land. Dyar motioned to approve the abatement. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Roger from RJD has brought different scenarios for mil rate. The Select Board conferred with the Treasurer about selecting the overlay of 26.06. Gross stated she does not have any concerns with that amount. Crockett motioned to set the mil rate at 17.1 with an overlay of \$26,060.20. This is the same mil rate as last year. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

There was discussion about a quarterly review. Duplisea stated RJD has also been double checking info to make sure that it has been entered into TRIO correctly. There have been mistakes that they have caught and corrected. There was discussion about revaluation of properties, and that if records are quality the assessor would only need to do a sales analysis rather than an entire evaluation.

Crockett asked about the state mandated quarterly review. Duplisea stated that for RJD to do a new quarterly review it would need to be a budget line item added to the contract. Duplisea stated that most towns do conduct a quarterly review yearly. There was further discussion regarding when base values of an area would be changed and what are the indicators that a property is at or near one hundred percent. The Board asked RJD to come up with a proposal that the Board would consider it for next year. There was discussion about the amount raised and appropriated at town meeting to pay for the assessor.

Crockett asked Duplisea about TRIO going to a hosted version in another year or so. When this comes up Duplisea said the town needs to wait until after the commitment. There was discussion about the SQL update versus the cloud-based update.

Crockett asked about the personal property long form and if the town should add it. Duplisea stated it may be worth it if it was a bigger town because it is a lot less work, but for this town it is not so much worth it to the town.

7:36pm **Comprehensive plan updates.**

There is going to be a town public hearing on August 18 after community breakfast at the community center. They are going to present their draft plan and people will have a chance to ask questions and submit suggestions.

7:43pm **Library update.** They are moving along the paint is down, the carpenter is doing trim work and the carpet will be installed in the next couple weeks. There are still fixtures that need to be installed. The elevator is going in this week as well.

7:45pm **Other business.**

-Dyar motioned to approve payment to Western Maine Screen Door Company for \$1,885.81 and the complete contract for the total of \$3,771.63. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-There was a discussion about FEMA and money the town is anticipating to help defer the costs of road repairs. Dyar suggested there be more ditching done next year to allow water to runoff.

-Dyar stated he is still in conversation with a solar contractor and they are going to put together a proposal for the town.

-Crockett spoke with Cauldwell about a contract to fix the roof on the community center.

-Crockett stated MMA stated there is a lot of debris in the basement of the community center. They are going to get that emptied out and air out the basement for the summer. Crockett asked if there are any citizens willing to help they could use some assistance.

-Crockett stated the Transfer Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss the recycling issue.

-Jackson asked about reconvening the ordinance review committee. The Board will discuss some of the ordinances at the next meeting.

-Crockett stated the chair of the budget committee would like to meet at the next Select Board meeting.

7:54pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.