

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

The next meeting will be held on August 21, 2017

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, Sherene Gilman, Sandy Wright, Charlene Lockwood, Dodi Thompson, Maureen Brescia, Victor Brescia, Ona Fast, Jen Jespersen, Alexander Wright

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 07/24/17 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Garden Club to present donation to the Town.** As part of the Mount Vernon 225th anniversary celebrations, the club put together a Home and Garden tour. Gilman thanked Crockett and Jackson for assisting them with the tour. Three local groups will benefit from the event- the Women's Group, the Vienna Union Hall, and the Mount Vernon Events Committee. Gilman, on behalf of the Garden Club, presented the Select Board a \$1050 donation to be added to the Events committee's account. The Select Board thanked the Garden Club. Crockett motioned to accept the donation. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

The Garden Club will be disbanding, so this was their last home and garden tour. If anyone would like to put a new club together, they would be happy to share all of their info with the new group.

7:07pm **CPC- beach and boat launch discussion.** Jespersen stated that at the Greater Minnehonk Lake Association, GMLA, annual meeting it was suggested the GMLA speak with the Town about covering up the soil that is above the parking area. Jespersen suggested that temporarily mulch could be brought in to prevent the soil from running into the lake when there are heavy rains. Jespersen stated a more long term solution would be to landscape area by seeding and adding crushed rock. There was further discussion about the time frame on doing this work, which option to choose, and about possibly adding the work to the RFP for the boat launch work.

Dyar stated there is also an issue with sediment running across the road and settling where the pavement is low on one corner. Dyar stated the Town is unable do parking lot work under the specifications of this grant. There was discussion about the logistics of what could be done with the grant money and putting together a request for proposals to complete the work. Renovation of the old landing needs to be done as well. Wright stated the CPC will provide any additional buffers that may be needed to protect the shore. Jespersen suggested the rocks at the shore be reset to level them out. They are currently sloped and slippery, making lake access difficult. The Board agreed. Dyar will work on finishing the RFP.

Jespersen told the Board a woman that lives on the east shore told her she had observed some algae growth on the shore that had not shown up there in the past. She suggested catching some samples of catch basin runoff to have tested. Jespersen added there may need to be something added to the catch basin to filter the sand coming out of it.

Wright asked if the Town is monitoring whether DOT is fulfilling their promise to empty the catch basins twice per year. Dyar stated he observed them emptying the basins this spring, but has not seen them do it for the second time yet. He suspects they plan to do it in the fall.

7:27pm **Other business.**

-Victor and Maureen Bressica came to the Board to discuss their neighbor starting a used car and auto garage business. They stated the neighbor currently has several unregistered vehicles parked in their yard. The Board discussed the Land Use Ordinance with the Bressica's and suggested they speak with the code enforcement officer and he can go take a look at the property. The Board will also let the Planning Board know about the issue and put the Bressica's in touch with them.

-Ona Fast is here about bringing power into her end of the Ithiel Gordon Rd. She has hired a contractor to put in the poles but there are a few trees that need to be removed that are in the town right of way. She is asking the Town if she can have the trees removed and keep them. The Board gave Fast the ok to do that.

7:41pm **Discussion of Transfer Station hours.** Colebrook suggested keeping the Wednesday hours through September. Crockett stated it seemed logical to keep it open from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, and it should not impact the budget negatively. Dyar motioned to keep the transfer station open on Wednesdays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:43pm **Update on Comprehensive plan project.** Jackson stated there will be a meeting to discuss possible plans on August 14.

7:45pm **Follow-up on town website discussion.** Crockett sent Nate some new photos to be put on the website. Bearstow's link has been placed on the home page. Jackson suggested adding more content, such as all committee meeting minutes. Crockett will get in touch with the committees to request their minutes. Jackson also suggested adding 'how to' info on what people need to bring with them when they come to the town office to get permits, registrations, etc. Dyar suggested having a page for the code enforcement officer.

7:52pm **Other business.**

-**Tax Commitment.** The assessing agent left info for the mill rate. The Board discussed which rate should be selected and what the RSU 38 may plan to do. Dyar motioned to select the middle option of \$37,351.02 for the overlay. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-Jackson stated the Board will be asking Jesse from the **Athletic Committee** to come in to a Board meeting.

-Jackson stated that one of the **clerk's printers** needs maintenance done on it. Crockett will take a look at it. Dyar motioned to authorize Crockett to expend funds for a new printer if it is required. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

8:09pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.