

Mt. Vernon Select Board Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2021

1997 North Road, Mt Vernon, ME 04352

Board Members Present: Paul Crockett (Chair), Anna Libby, Robert Grenier

Support Staff & Guests: Alice Counts (Administrative Assistant), Mark Gilbert (Ch 7), Kerry Casey (Treasurer), Sue Herman (Ordinance Review Committee Chair), Michelle Pino, Heather Roberts, Fred Webber

Select Board Members Signed Weekly Warrant (6:30-7:00)

Meeting Called to Order

- SB Meeting was Called to Order by SB Crockett at 7:03pm

Meeting Minutes of 11-22-21

- Meeting Minutes to be amended from "Select Board Approved Alice Counts Request for a new computer" to "SB Crockett was going to see about an estimate for a new computer."
- Motion by SB Crockett to accept the meeting minutes as amended, 2nd by SB Libby. Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Road Closures

- SB Libby motioned to Close Cottle Hill Road from Karabin to Karabin property and Mooar Hill from the Dump to North Taylor Road for the Winter, 2nd by SB Grenier. Motion Carried, Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Public Hearings

- Remote Meeting Policies – it recently came to the Select Boards attention that each Committee/Board needs to adopt its own policy for Remote Participation/Zoom Meetings. Earlier on during the global pandemic, the Governor decreed an emergency that allowed for boards and committees to hold such meetings, however now that the emergency declaration has expired, the legislature, passed a law that allows such meetings to continue, but with certain restrictions or requirements. Once this policy has been voted on and approved, it came be shared with other town boards and committees so they can word smith it for their specific area.
- Remote Meeting Policy for the Select Board (SB)
SB Libby motioned to accept the Select Board's Remote Meeting Policy as written, 2nd by SB Grenier. Motion Carried, Vote was 3-0. **PASS**
- Remote Meeting Policy for the Ordinance Review Committee (ORC)
ORC Webber motioned to accept the Ordinance Review Committee's Remote Meeting Policy as written, 2nd by ORC Pino. Motion Carried, Vote was 4-0. **PASS**

Policy Updates

- Kerry Casey took a stab at the following Policies but needed more information on the definition of Part Time and Regular Part Time Employees and what that means as far as holiday pay verses Paid Time Off (PTO). This needs to be looked into further and will be discussed at our next Select Board Meeting.
 - Financial
 - Personnel
 - Smoking, Drug & Alcohol

Emergency Manager

- Mike Wenzel has accepted this position.

Blake Hill Rd Bridge project

- SB Crockett has reached out to a few companies for bids.

Transfer Station

- SB Crockett reported that the Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day.
- The Shed was delivered to the Transfer Station.
- Windows have been purchased for the shed and Tom Brady will install them.

TRIO –

- SB Crockett is still looking into gathering data from other towns. Discussion will continue next meeting.

Other Business

- We received a request from a Fayette Property Owner to be released from Fayette jurisdiction and annexed by the Town of Mount Vernon. The reasons stated included geographic considerations, practical considerations, and basic principles of community, citizenship, and residency.

Adjourn

- Motion by SB Libby to Adjourn at 8:15, 2nd by SB Grenier, Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**