

Mt. Vernon Selectboard Minutes
February 15, 2021

1	6:30 pm	Sign Biweekly Warrant •
2	7:01pm	Call to Order • Chairman called meeting to order.
3	7:01 pm	Additions/Adjustments to Agenda • Local Road News & Beacon for Sovereignty
4	7:05 pm	Motion & Discussion on Accepting Minutes from 2/1/21 • Selectman Gilman Motioned to Accept Minutes with changes, 2 nd by Chairman Hardy, Under oldest resident -change verbiage. Mac will research and advise so we can recognize a person. Unanimous Vote. Another sentence.
5	7:04 pm	Budget Zoom Meeting • Lee Dunn On Road Contract – Liked the change to street addresses -Thanks. (Sherene). Changes discussed, sent them a highlighted copy, and no questions. Crockett thanked for input before bidding. We'll be going out to bid when appropriate (Mac). On regular budget – FEMA \$\$\$. The estimates that you made on FEMA were \$275,051. And change -actual \$310,698 and change -difference of \$_____. Kerry went thru 3 years' worth of warrants on spread sheets and when submitted cover letter that I didn't do -now have to go back to MEMA and justify. MEMA must audit and approve then goes to FEMA and they could disallow. Paul timeline – still at MEMA not to FEMA yet. Paul before spring? Mac says yes. \$194.5 in checks if you subtract from whatever you end up with \$_____. Lee said money came in and Marty placed in general fund. You say \$77,000 and I say \$80,000. Money went into general fund? Lee -I assume as it is not in line item for FEMA. Kerry – remember going over with you and Dana cuz we did 23,000 to fire dept to FEMA at end of 2019 closing out June 2019. Took 23,000 and transferred to fire dept for their piece of FEMA. I thought it went to FEMA or capital. \$55,000 didn't know where it went (Kurt) Kerry Capital or FEMA. Money came in before I was here but when I was closing 2019 you guys and dana gave paperwork that 23,000 belonged to fire department. Paul can we establish 2022 budget regardless or do we need to know carryover. Sherene I think we can determine budget cuz FEMA \$\$\$ set aside and when decided that amount will go to the roads and into the capital. IT WILL NOT GO INTO GENERAL FUND. His budget last year reflected what he could do for work. Couple projects lee has proposed and if FEMA \$\$\$ gets decided and that will be in Capital

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		<p>Improvement to do bridge projects etc. Mac -going back to Kurt \$54,250.30 -that amount of \$\$ went into General Fund than we need a vote to take it out of general fund. Perhaps a warrant article at town meeting? Lee and Kurt agree. Kerry will look up why it went to general fund? Where it is? Paul -if went to GF a warrant article would be supported. \$23,000 came out of the \$80,000 so we know there will be \$\$ transferred back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cottle Hill Bridge Replacement costs roughly -talking to engineer from CMP tomorrow. Cost wise no full # to see if we can put in bottomless culvert already engineered just setting into a section down there. Mac -we talked about 3 culverts. If bottomless goes in -will you still put another over there? Mac \$100,000 would cover -Lee doesn't know. Its town bridge but EPA has to OK it. Lee would get the literature will hold 82,000. We talked about not repairing bridge this year but adding \$\$ to Capital Improvement for next year. Brian Engineer for this district head engineer. Kurt -will they charge the town for this? We'll work it out said Mac. Might cost another \$100,000 for engineer (Kurt).• Agreed to go with flat budget in each of your accounts (Mac)? Yes. Medicaid and Medicare. Both budgets Mac?• Kerry 47% (spend) so FICA is based on salaries and payroll. All payroll employees, Jed and Kurt and you. If increase, FICA has to increase also. Very straight %. Last year for past couple years if you spent this much -this % was payroll and that's how we broke out figures for FICA . .0765%.• Lee who decides salary? Katy -Lee based off state rates. Negotiated by Selectboard. Katy will salary increase. Lee not 100% sure. Lee finds on internet. Maine DOT. Kurt will email the printout to us with state rates.• Sherene side note thru grapevine heard Kurt and Jed plowed the ice rink. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!• Katy budget committee meeting Saturday and have spreadsheet done and compare notes on Saturday. Will be lacking some figures and we'll get them.• Sherene -next meeting Fire Dept and Rescue.• Katy – Like to have some conversation on Transfer Station• (Tyler) On bridges, why won't we float a bond (Cottle Hill and Blake Hill) Mt. Vernon only owns Cottle Hill -state owns rest (6). Paul if we want Blake Hill open again we could pay for it. State plans on closing eventually -we got 10 ton limit so cars could use. Tyler -why lose road? Town should pay? Mac – don't disagree with you but we're falling behind on roads and 1-2 years on 10	
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		<p>year fire truck plan and we've always bonded. Paul – falling behind on roads but nodding on flat road budgets this year. Mac -we don't know what is coming from revenue sharing. Paul -we should look into bonds interest rates are low and bonds -Tyler has good idea -good focus (Sherene) all things in bucket together. Ty on roads, broadband talks broadband out there hanging -fire truck we know on horizon -bond. So as we're going along if we were going to bond -one bucket instead of piecemeal. Not bad idea. Wouldn't want to do roads cut my arm off and restrict myself from not having opportunity to do something else. Mac much work to do with other depts beforehand. We don't have broad tax base we have taxpayers. Ty-well pay more in long term maintenance fees. Even if bundled -my concern why let roads fail. Mac -we don't disagree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy – all set • Kerry Casey – Katy and I talked about putting some pass thru revenue on budget so totally transparent to go against income and expenditures. Snowmobile club example. I'd like it on budget both in and out -library as well. We get \$ from Vienna - but net off expenses that they budget and I would like to show true expenses and true budget. Mac -adding account lines? • Katy snowmobile and rescue adding a couple lines revenues. Kerry wants to show revenue, increase rescue expense, still a wash just recording a different way. • Paul -could warrant article be worded so built in. Katy -how we used to do it just changed a few years ago. Kerry -yeah at some point if snowmobiles were way people got around and getting \$25,000/yr for snowmobiles may not want to pass on. • Sherene -Katy you were right request of Dana when he came as part of budget review that rescue gets \$\$ from Vienna but doesn't show anywhere and wanted to show it. Took it off their budget and gave revenue all in one warrant article to show that. There request is like what Paul is talking about -wordsmith. Should not do specific amounts. Estimate from last years amount. 	
6	7:50pm	<p>New Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherene will get editing info from Paul and take pass 	
7	7:53 pm	<p>CMP & Solar Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated to SB members. If no commitment and we get 15% off -we should do it. Paul will compare to what he has. 	
8	7:57 pm	<p>Plowing Contracts</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On road plow contract has been tweaked • Off road plow contract has been tweaked. • Selectboard needs to mitigate conversations and bring together • Once awarded -review contract with vendor • Mac -Lee talked with them last year • 2 contracts out to bid -website -newsletter -go to town website for copies. Pay \$\$ and put in KJ • RFP bids to go out and due back by March 15th. Bids must be received no later than 7 pm (Paul will do) Include language any and all bids can be rejected. Be sure it is in there. • We can put on agenda for 3/15 to open at start of meeting (sealed bids) Leave out in lobby, email, newsletter, channel 7, website 	
9	8:11 pm	<p>Emergency Management Leader Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not have one. Jason Beckler is not interested. Paperwork is biggest problem. If we have true emergency -that person has total control of the handling of the emergency. Mac-should be from fire department. Stipend? Paul Job Description? MMA? Job description and Requirements 	
10	8:15	<p>Fuel Bid Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we join with the collaborative or on our own (Mac) Timing is off (Sherene) Kerry -personal take on this what school group contract gets and use as negotiating point -we should let school group know we are not participating. Paul-take price at budget time -add 20% and get it later. Paul go with group or hold back. Sherene hasn't heard not sure furnaces have been cleaned. Each facility in charge of own cleaning of furnace. Why don't we have 1 person do all of them. Dan cleans all town furnaces and boilers. Paul was scheduling in Fall. Hell text tomorrow. (Paul) CC and Library has cleaned. Paul will ask for all buildings and what hes done so far. Mac March 10 school board meeting to discuss. Paul and sherene agree. Mac will get hold of bridget and Mark. • Propane and tanks – if you change company for propane you have to coordinate all of that. Sherene reach out to propane company and negotiate each year outside of coop. Kerry Downeast with school and we get same price. All propane Downeast -Oil is Fabian. Mac will touch base with Mark. 	
	8:37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road posting data base now to be used prior to closing. Website listed. Mac sent off to Lee, Road Commissioner. Reminder. 	
	8:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Resolution would like Selectboard to sign cease and desist in violation of us ADA • Mac read resolution – nope 	

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	8:41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke with fire dept about savage computer contract and email. Also moving our email to office 365. Fire dept not interested in joining in on contract. Paul will speak with them this week in general for the town. Sherene opposed to contract for fire dept and separate for town and separate for library IT -Paul tells sherene to talk to dana. 	
	8:44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projector for 2022 budget -still in favor (Paul) put in middle of table and all could project thru laptop wirelessly. Handy. Paul donated large tv in meanwhile. Kerry suggest we put in as capital expenditure. 	
	8:46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fridge needs to go – need dolly and truck Mac and Paul will do that. Budget -how do we want to start plugging in figures for municipal budgets. Paul this building we haven't discussed yet. Physical building. 	
11	8:48	Motion & Adjourn Paul Motion. 2 nd Sherene. Vote Unanimous	