

**Mt. Vernon Selectboard Minutes**  
**February 1, 2021**

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

**Support Staff & Guests Present:** Kerry Casey, Melanie Knox, Ron Lockwood and Mark Gilbert

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardy at 7:01 pm with no adjustments or additions to the agenda.

**Motion & Discussion on Accepting Minutes from 1-18-2021 Selectboard Meeting.**

***ACTION: Selectman Gilman motioned to accept the minutes from 1/18/21 Selectboard Meeting with correction on page 2 under Cottle Hill Bridge, last sentence. Let the minutes reflect that the amount of \$5,000 should have been \$500,000. Selectman Crockett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous Vote.***

**Spectrum Franchise Agreement & Broadband Request.** Selectman Crockett is working on getting information from Shelly Winchenbach on the revised Franchise Agreement. Bill Rosenberg, Chair of the newly formed Broadband Committee, will share his knowledge from being on coalition to help us get additional coverage (sections 231C and 231D). When the revised Franchise Agreement is received, it will go to the Broadband Committee for review.

**Plowing Contracts/Handy Person Duties.** After much discussion, it was determined both contracts needed tweaking and that hiring a Handy Person was tabled. Chairman Hardy will revise the On-Road contract while Selectman Crockett will revise the Off-Road contract. Target date of 2/15/21. Melanie will put blurb in February newsletter regarding RFP's.

**RSU #38 Invitation to attend March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Chairman Hardy volunteered to attend this meeting.

**Health Officer Recertification.** Dr. Onion has been recertified as the Town of Mt. Vernon Health Officer.

**Stop Sign @ Rt. 41 & Main Street.** This is a state level decision, and we will not act. Chairman Hardy will contact DOT and request that they paint the stop strip

**RSU #38 School Board Resignation.** Alex Wright has submitted his resignation effective 7/1/21. This will allow time for a replacement for this 2-year term and that person will need to run in June.

***ACTION: Selectman Crockett noted that he appreciated the early resignation and accepts it with thanks and gratitude to Alex for a job well done. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Hardy. Unanimous Vote.***

**TRIO & Website Update.** Selectman Crockett asked Town Clerk and Deputy to list their concerns with new product they recently demoed. The version of TRIO currently being used is no longer for sale and

Harris Computers will stop supporting eventually. MUNIS is another option that some towns are using. Will need upgrade if we keep. Selectman Crockett will explore alternatives.

**Broadband Committee Appointments.** Appointments to this committee are 5-year terms.

***ACTION: Selectman Crockett motioned to appoint Scott Herrick, Chuck Wright, Frank Newcito, Mark Gilbert, Carl Rogers, and Bill Rosenberg (Chair). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Hardy. Vote Unanimous.***

**Town Office Closing Continued.**

***ACTION: Selectman Gilman motioned to keep the office closed to walk in traffic until further notice. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Crockett. Vote Unanimous.***

**Five Seasons Bed & Breakfast Liquor License Renewal.** There was no public hearing as there have been no complaints about this establishment.

***ACTION: Selectman Crockett motioned to renew the annual liquor license of Five Seasons B & B. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Gilman. Vote was Unanimous.***

**Radar Sign.** DOT is offering free radar trailer for 2-week intervals to communities. They must be notified by February 19th.

***ACTION: Selectman Crockett motioned Chairman Hardy request sign and schedule DOT trap trailer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Gilman. Vote Unanimous.***

**Oldest Resident.** There was a citizen inquiry as to who is Mt. Vernon's oldest citizen. Chairman Hardy will research and advise so the Selectboard can recognize that individual accordingly. The cane is no longer given out but remains at the town office with a display of recognition for the oldest citizen.

**Savage Computers Contract.** It was noted that Nate is working at the Town Office, Fire Department, and Library. Contract should be rewritten to reflect that. Nate will be raising his rates, which are reasonable, and Paul will provide previous bids for comparison.

***ACTION: Town will continue to contract with Savage Computers and revise the contract to reflect additional responsibilities.***

**Motion to Adjourn.**

***Selectman Crockett motioned to adjourn at 7:51. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Gilman. Vote Unanimous.***