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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 01-20-2020

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Clyde Dyar 8:06 left meeting, Paul Crockett (Chair)

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Ron Lockwood, Sue Herman, Sandy Wright, Katie Farrin, Tom Ward, Sherene Guildman, Keith Coulling, Darce Witimore and Kerry Casey

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order: 7:00 pm
3. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
4. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 01/06/20

Motion to accept the minutes by Dyar seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous

Governance Committee

Sue Herman presented the Governance Committee report. Making the Treasurer position appointed instead of elected, Clerk and registrar remain elected however spell out the hours, along with changing the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Office Coordinator and increase hours and salary. The Clerks and registrar wrote a letter to the Selectboard and Governance Committee in regards to their option of the final draft. The Selectboard pointed out that the point of the Administrative Assistant, was to stay when the Clerks are working. Casey wanted to mention that the issue the Clerks wanted to point out was the Saturday issue. Along with the concern over the requirements for the positions including the requirement for a collage degree. Herman responded that there is the option to add "and or equivalent education." Crockett wanted to add to specify adding the requirement to say the clerks will need to uphold the expectation to answer phones, respond to voicemails and return emails from the public. Herman read the 1998 Clerks job description ordinance, then in 2008 the job

changed again. Dyar wanted to thank the Governance Committee for their hard work. Herman wanted to finally mentioned the Comprehensive Plan specifies the Code Enforcement officer increases its hours.

Torsey Pond Association

Keith Coulling talked to the Selectboard about the history and mainting of the Torsesy Dam. Coulling mentioned he noticed the Dam has been crumbling over the past couple years. Also mentioned the dam will continue to leak. He also mentioned the town of Readfeild has agreed to help with the Dam. The Association agreed to pay \$75,000 of \$100,000 predicted cost of the project. They have been fundraising for the project and have done some mailings to increase money. Coulling said Readfield in contrivuting around \$30,000 of the work for the Dam. Torsesy Pond Asosociation is a 501(c)3 organization. The would like to see a \$6,000 from the town of Mt Vernon for the Dam. They have asked Kents Hill School for the repair of the Dams. Crockett mentioned that the Selectboard recommends the Torsesy Association should get signature and speak to Racheal for the details.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson to put the Torey Assocaition to go throught the petition process

Motion passed: unanimous

Coulling mentioned that in the Mt Vernon Comprehsive Plan, they would like us to provide courtesy boat inspections. Coulling went futher that the cost for inspections for milfoil. Crockett said the 30 Mile watershed does inspections. Crockett also mentions that asking for money for hiring boat inspection for the lakes go through the petition process. Coulling mentioned about how the MT Vernon Fire Station purges their tanks. Crockett said he spoke to the fire chief. But crockett said the fire chief assured him there is a procedure for pruging their tanks.

Budget Plan for Fiscal year 2020-2021

Sherene mentioned she thinks it would be alright to move forward without formting a budget committee. Siting that Casey and Wright had done the job of what the budget committee would have done anyways. She wanted the Selectboard to be mindful about the relationship with the other departemnts e.g. the athletics committee and community center goal to be self funded and not subsidies by the town. The Selectboard welcomed Sherene to come to a meeting possiblyly in March on a saturaday to discuss the budget.

RJD Assessing and Humane Society Contract

Motion to sign the Humane Society Contract

Motion passed: unanimous

Proposed Policies: Bidding and Purchasing Policy, Policy Review

Tabled to next meeting

Other Business

Tom Ward, July 4th the community partnership corp. the funds are raised for the fireworks around 9:30pm instead of 9:00pm. The concert will start earlier, it is a joint fundraiser for parker pond and minnihonk association. Ward went further to discuss the details of the art sculpture.

5. Adjournment: 7:05 pm

Motion by Jackson seconded by Crockett to adjourn

Motion passed: unanimous