

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2019

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2019

Present: Paul Crockett, Trish Jackson, Clyde Dyar, Marti Gross, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Rick Greenan, Doug McCafferty, Alex Wright, Susan Herman

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:00pm **Opened regular select board meeting.**

7:01pm **Belgrade Dam committee – re: Long Pond and Wings Mill Dam.** Rick Greenan and Doug McCafferty are present from the Belgrade damn committee. In 1975 CMP decided that to no longer wanted to maintain the dams. In 1987 there was a decision that all towns bordering the lakes in the watershed and the damn committee was formed. Mount Vernon did not want to be involved at that time because they did not have many residents on the lake. Now there are many more residents living in these watershed areas. The committee consists of Belgrade, Rome, and Oakland and has jurisdiction over Long Pond, Salmon Lake and Great Pond dams. The North Pond damn is maintained by their lake association. The damn committee would like Mount Vernon and Sidney to join the committee and assist in upkeep of the dams.

Mount Vernon owns 5.5 (I couldn't hear the number) miles of shore front mileage on Long Pond. Wings Mills is a 30-year old wood structure damn and it has some rot and there is water leaking through. The damn is completely in the town of Mount Vernon. The last three years the water level has been 25-27% below normal due to the ongoing drought. In 2017 the committee repaired the leakage at Great Pond damn and the leakage from Long Pond is getting worse, resulting in even lower water levels.

A \$13k emergency repair was conducted in October and they cut out and replaced approximately 90% of the wood causing leakage. This patch job should last about 2 years. The Peirce Wright Engineering came down and did a two day survey and gave the committee three options at varying price points for repairing the damn. Greenan and McCafferty gave the Select Board a printout detailing these options and their costs. The Damn Committee would like to go with Option 2 which is estimated to cost \$190k?? (same-couldn't hear). The committee is asking for \$80k this year form the three towns, which is an unusual amount. After this repair the average total amount per year from all towns would be \$15k.

The Board thanked the Dam Committee for attending the meeting.

7:20pm **Other business.**

- Parking sign at boat landing.

- Ice-skating light at community center. Discussion about whether it needs to be on all the time.

- Planning Board- Crockett and Jackson attended last meeting. John Hagelin will resign from the Board. There was a discussion about the seating of alternates and finding a new Chair for the Board.

7:28pm **Ordinance update.** The Board sent a list of proposed ordinances and ordinance revisions that were discussed last meeting to the Ordinance Review Committee. These include: plastic bag/Styrofoam ban, proper outdoor shelter for pets/animals, firework ordinance, marijuana ban/ordinance, and a driveway-runoff diversion ordinance. Herman stated there is already an ordinance about roads and driveways. Dyar will get the state law language to the ORC for them to consider.

Marijuana grows are currently deemed agriculture under the current ordinance, but there was a suggestion that they go through site-plan review like other businesses. There was also a discussion about retail marijuana regulation, and the delineation between medical and adult use marijuana laws. Herman suggested there be a vote/survey so they can hear from townspeople demonstrating whether or not they want to allow retail sales for adult use of marijuana.

The Board and Herman also discussed the issue of the setback for all structures on camp roads. Herman stated when those setback were created they did a survey of surrounding towns and Mount Vernon is fairly middle of the road. Crockett suggested the Committee take another look at setbacks on private roads.

There was discussion regarding the issue of plastic bags and Styrofoam and whether or not they should be banned as they have been in other towns. The decision was to table this for now.

Fireworks- There was a discussion about a fireworks ordinance and what should be included in that. And if a permit should be required. Herman stated at the time fireworks became legal she brought up the ideas of an ordinance but there was no interest at the time. There was further discussion about who would enforce. Crockett suggested reaching out to other towns who have a fireworks ordinance.

Jackson suggested the ORC look into a specification being added to the animal ordinance to not allow individuals to tether their dogs out all the time. Herman stated they will take a look at it.

8:20pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.