

Town of Mount Vernon  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
**January 22, 2018**

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2018

**Present:** Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Mark Gilbert, Alex Wright, Ron Lockwood, Rachel Meader, Charlie Meader, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:00pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:00pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 1/8/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Discuss disposition of old horse-drawn town hearse.** The museum in Monmouth wanted to put the hearse on display some years ago and the town loaned it to them. The museum is now doing something different with their space and would like to remove it. There was a discussion about transporting the hearse back to Town, deciding where to house it, and what the Town would like to do with it, including possibly having it in the parade next year. There was further discussion about the logistics of moving the hearse. Lockwood volunteered to transport the hearse.

Crockett asked anyone listening to the meeting, whether on YouTube or reading the minutes on the website, please let the Select Board know if they have ideas about what to do with the hearse.

Dyar suggested asking the Fire Department if they may need any of the extra file cabinets that are in the basement.

7:06pm **Vote on town clerk open hours.** The Select Board and the Clerk discussed who was responsible for setting the clerk hours. Currently the town office is opening daily at 7am. There has been some feedback about the town office not being open on one evening a week. Crockett researched the hours for other surrounding towns and most all towns are open into the evening at least one day a week- including Fayette, Readfield, Rome, Manchester, etc.

Crockett suggested the Board let Rachel know about the surrounding town office hours and continue the discussion with Rachel.

Dyar expressed concern about employees working alone at the Town Office. Jackson stated she agreed and suggested adding additional lights to the parking lot. There was discussion amongst the Board about the best way to go about this. Crockett will ask the individual that is coming to the town office to do some work.

Jackson suggested since the Board is here every other night maybe that would be a good night to have the town office open late. Crockett stated he will contact Rachel tomorrow and speak with her.

The Select Board recognized Rachel's dedication to the position.

The Board discussed the benefits and drawbacks of getting the rapid renewal online.

The Board asks for input from citizens on what they would like to see for town office open hours.

7:20pm. **Discussion about potential ordinance work for 2018.** There was a discussion about keeping Mount Vernon water bodies safe from potential harm from commercial enterprise. After looking at the maps it appears there may not be any commercially viable aquifers. The Board discussed if this is an

ordinance they want to look into this year. There was also discussion about potentially adding water protection wording to the comprehensive plan. The Board will get the opinion of the chair of the Ordinance Review Committee. Dyar suggested having the Ordinance Review Committee come in to discuss the ordinances. Dyar also suggested an ordinance that stated roads need to be built to additional specifications beyond those currently included in the Land Use Ordinance.

7:19pm **Beach gazebo update.** Andy Dube drew up the plans for the gazebo that Gerhardt designed. Andy asked the Fire Marshall if the plans need review and was told they do. Jackson reminded the Board there were some additional suggestions from the Travis Mill's people about what should be included in the plan. Jackson will find out if Andy Dube saw those comments. There was also a discussion about the community center septic system. Crockett stated he will check with the Community Center. To complete this project the Town would have to raise money by donation.

7:40pm **Other business.**

-John Hagelin, **chair of the Planning Board** will be leaving so a new Chair needs to be voted in. The Board discussed individuals who would be good to fill Hagelin's position. Crockett will follow-up with Hagelin. There was also discussion about Board members completing required training.

-Last meeting there was a discussion about an old cemetery in Town. Crockett found on MMA an article about ancient burial grounds which is defined as a private cemetery created before 1880. Effective 8-1-2014, the cemetery must be kept in good condition and maintained. The owner of an ancient burial ground must provide access to a municipality to provide these duties or the owner must perform the duties themselves.

-Dyar thanked Submerged Lands and the CPC for the grant that was essential in completing the **project at the boat landing**. There was a discussion about any monies that may need to be budgeted for dock work.

7:45pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.