

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

The next meeting will be held on July 24, 2017

Present: Paul Crockett, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, 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 **Approve minutes.** Crockett motioned to approve minutes of the 06/26/17 meeting as amended. Jackson seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor.

7:01pm **New photos for website.** Need to post picture of new Select Board member, Trish Jackson. Need to post picture and info for new CEO. The tax assessor info will require updating once the Board has a signed contract. The Board will check with Lee Dunn to see if he still interested in being the Civil Defense Director.

7:10pm **Website review.** (For updates)

The Select Board went through all pages on the town website and will facilitate the following updates:

- On page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/> - under Announcements remove Ordinance Review Committee info.
 - remove 'town contract updates' info
 - under 'links of interest' remove Bearnstow, State of Maine, Cohen Center. Also put 30-Mile River Watershed into the 'lake links' page
 - Remove the Gmail email that's right above the calendar. It's not one that is used and is confusing to citizens.
 - Jackson suggested posting the Select Board meeting minutes on this page. The Planning Board minutes have not been updated in some time. Crockett will contact Fred Webber about the minutes. Jackson stated it would be great to have all committee minutes on the site. There was a discussion about whether all minutes should go on the front page or the Town documents page or to possibly link all minutes to the 'Town Committees' section.
 - The Board will look into the 'Playground Committee' and find out if it is defunct and if there are any funds left in its account. They also discussed the status of the Investment Advisory Committee and the Assessment Review Committee. Jackson volunteered to check MMA website for information on the latter.
 - On the Town documents page the Board would like to add more soft copies of documents, such as other ordinances. The digital maps will also go on this page when they receive them.
 - Jackson stated it may be helpful to citizens to have directions on how to use the website for tasks such as applying for a specific license with links to state sites where applicable. There was a discussion with Treasurer, Marti Gross, about getting set up with the bank to be able to register cars and get dogs licensed online. One challenge to this is that the online service would charge citizens a 3% fee when paying online.

-The Board discussed making sure info on any committee hearings are sent to Nate to be posted on the website.

-Jackson stated that Town voting results should be added to the site.

-Crockett stated the 'links of interest' on the front page needs to be updated and Board discussed what merits a link being placed in that section.

-Couture will check the info on the 'Town<General Information' page to make sure hours listed are correct for the Food Bank, Post Office, and Dr. Shaw library are correct.

-On page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/CommunityCenter.html> - Need to verify that the hours listed for the Saturday morning breakfast are still correct.

-On page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/Newsletter.html>

-'Newsletter deadlines' are still reading the old dates. Couture will email Savage new dates.

-Remove the newsletter survey section

-Change the address where payments for ads go to. It is

Mount Vernon Town Office- Newsletter

1997 North Rd.

Mount Vernon, ME. 04352

-Change newsletter editor info to: Amanda Couture, 458-6389.

-On the home page, under the 'Community' category, the links for the lake associations need to be moved to the 'Lake links' section.

- Remove page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/Happenings.html>
- Remove page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/Businesses.html> for now. The information is outdated.
- On page: <http://www.mtvernonme.org/Schools.html> -
-Include link to RSU 38 site: <http://www.maranacook.org/>

7:40pm **Code Enforcement Update.** The new CEO hours begin July 11, 2017. The new CEO, Andrew Marble, will be available at the town office on Tuesdays instead of on Wednesdays.

7:45pm **Comprehensive Plan discussion.** (Ongoing) Jackson researched this topic. She is putting together a committee to figure out if this is worthwhile and useful for the town. There was discussion regarding logistics of forming a committee.

7:47pm **Assessing contract and work load update.** Dyar has taken the lead talking and negotiating with the prior assessor. Dyar will be meeting with him next week to potentially finalize the contract. The current year's budget included the cost to obtain long form in TRIO, which will allow the assessor to view assessment history. Crockett motioned to authorize Dyar to execute the assessing contract with RJD Appraisal in the event the entire Board is not able to meet. Jackson seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor. Crockett stated the Board needs to ensure RJD is fully aware of what the Town requires of them.

7:52pm **Other business.**

-**Swim lessons** began today with 34 kids enrolled. There was a discussion about hiring a second instructor if several more children enroll. There are six different lessons currently, based on ability and age. Eight of the children are from Vienna. The current fee is \$25 per child, which covers about half of the program cost. The Board discussed adjusting the fee for non-Mt. Vernon residents enrolled in the program. The Board will discuss this next budget season.

-**Fireworks.** The Board discussed the possibility of a fireworks ordinance and how an ordinance would be enforced if there was one. The resident that brought the question up was concerned about the residue falling into the lakes and the noise effect on loons and other wildlife. Crockett asked her to send data regarding this to the Board. Jackson brought up the potential of fireworks as a fire hazard.

-The Board received a copy of an **injury report** from an individual on Rescue. Crockett will check with Rawson on this to discuss the proper procedure.

8:01pm **Adjourn.** Crockett motioned to adjourn. Jackson seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor.