



## Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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### Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 07-06-2020

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Paul Crockett (Chair), Clyde Dyar (left early)

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, Heather Wheeler, June Cauldwell

#### Signed Warrant.

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

#### Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 06/22/2020

**Motion** by Dyar seconded by Jackson

**Motion passed:** unanimous

#### Budget Discussion, Treasurer

Crockett discussed the retroactive pay for the deputy Clerk due to conflicting budget lines with a decreasing pay rate for the next fiscal year. The next deputy clerk will have to reduce the total amount of hours worked due to the higher rate currently being used by the current deputy.

**Motion** by Crockett to accept the Treasures recommendation for retroactive pay for the Deputy Clerk

**Motion passed:** unanimous

The Budget Committee and the Selectboard discussed article 9 in the warrant and change the article 8.9 and subtract the money being received from Vienna. The total number should be \$123,268 for the Fire Department budget, subtracting the \$3,500 from Vienna's contribution. Another question was raised about the Community Center. Cauldwell, discussed the current developments and the prospect of having Wifi, along with projects to improve the community center building and services. Also, an amendment is needed in the Library. Amended article 12.5 Library down to total \$31,400. The budget committee and Selectboard discussed the liability insurance

#### DOT/downtown discussion

Jackson spoke about her meeting with the DOT about the options and recommendations from the DOT for the downtown. This includes opening up the for grants and joint projects with the town. Studies by the DOT will be done in reference to traffic, pedestrian, and parking. Wright mentioned his conversation with David Allen in reference to lowering the speed limit around Camp Laurel, Wright concluded the DOT will send in their report, but they found insufficient evidence to decrease the speed. Dyar mentioned the replaced culvert by the DOT on the North rd, the expanded shoulder, people started parking on it. Dyar will try to complete some of the projects he has started during his term as Selectboard.

#### Other Business

Dyar, mentioned a joint venture with the DOT to on a project near Flying Pond Variety. Talked further about dredging Minnihonk Mentioning further money raised for grant matching could be used. Dyar mentioned he would follow through and finish the projects he started, like drainage ditch replacing the ditches with riprap instead of grass near the fire station.

Crockett will reach out to Dana about tents for the annual town hall meeting. Wright mentioned he emailed Dana a week ago asking for tents, he said yes. Wright asked Crockett if he is taking lead setting up the tents. Crockett responded yes.

Crockett read a lot Trish Jackson resignation letter from the Beach and Aging in Place committees.

**Motion** by Crockett to accept the resignation letter from Trish Jackson

**Motion** passed: unanimous

The Selectboard and the audience thanked Jackson and Dyar for their work for the town.

Shareen Gilman spoke about increasing the number of students in school to help elevate the cost per student sent to the RSU, she continued to speak about her perspective on economic development and attracting new families increasing the tax base while at the same time proving more services by the town.

Carey brought before the Selectboard a Municipal Quitclaim Deed for the Selectboard to sign.

**Motion** by Crockett seconded by Jackson to accept a property abatement developed by Clyde Dyar

**Motion** passed: unanimous

**Motion** by Dyar seconded by Crockett to have the Chairmen to sign the Quitclaim Deeds

**Motion** passed: unanimous

#### 4. Adjournment: 8:04 pm

**Motion** to adjourn by Jackson seconded by Crockett

**Motion** passed: unanimous