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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 7-08-2019

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Karry Casey, Lee Dunn, Nancy and Tom Jewell, and Herby Choate

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order:
3. 6:59pm
4. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
5. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 06/24

Motion to accept by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

Citizens concern about Moose Pond

Nancy and Tom Jewell, own land that is considered to be public access on Moose Pond. They were concerned about several boats in Moose Pond they considered abandoned. They talked to the Dave Chabo local game warden and he agrees they are considered abandoned. The warden will post to the public in several towns: asking the owners to remove them or they will be hauled to the transfer station. Deadline for owner removal is September 1st, cleanup will be finished by September 15th. Crockett

said on the record that the town will accept the metal but fiberglass to be determined later.

Herby Chabot spoke about the interest in being the next Sexton after Bob Grenier retires. He spoke about some other cemeteries throughout the town, not publicly known.

Update from Road Commissioner, Ithiel Gordon Rd

Lee Dunn spoke about the house lots being sold on that Ithiel Gordon Road. Replacing and putting ditches in including fixing the road. Dunn thinks we can complete these jobs this summer. Crockett clarified that the Selectboard needs to decide a dollar amount to use out of the capital improvement funds. Dunn thinks \$50,000 for the first 1000 ft. but it would be close. Dunn mentioned 60,000 would be an estimate to start work on the road. Paving will be considered later after the initial work is done.

Motion by Crockett second to Dyar to use up to \$60,000 for the Ithiel Gordon work.
Motion passed: unanimous

Lee Dunn mentioned his road plowing contract, his performance bond is priced \$600 less than this year than last. The Dyar mentioned that due to his good track record, he is not concerned.

Motion by Crockett second by Jackson to accept his new bond
Motion passed: unanimous

Crockett mentioned the bump in North Rd, Dunn mentioned he marked the road where the bump is. Dunn said the DOT is coming, just doesn't know when.

Review/approve potential Transfer Station fee schedule changes

To be discussed at the next meeting, Crockett is to update the excel sheet. Crockett also read a letter from Waste Management, indicating the prices. Dyar mentioned possibly going out to bid for a new Waste Management company. Crockett suggests we printout new palm cards. O'Connell said she had older copies that still apply, maybe reprint them.

Treasures update about TRIO, Matured Liens, and discussion about Town Policy

Casey created a checklist of the process in case of emergency or replacements. Casey spoke about policies that require the Treasurer to follow a set of procedure or information to keep. Casey also spoke about having the Treasurer position be an

appointment instead of elected due to the skills needed to do the job. Also, suggest the Selectboard randomly inspect the bank statements. Crockett asked the question, why some towns have financial problems if they are audited every year. Casey said auditors don't know what you actually spend the money on. Casey is asking, that she reports out about liens monthly to the auditors. Casey also spoke to MMA about some of the liens, and she can continue to the next phase of 30/45 day notices. Casey reviewed with the Selectboard 3 matured liens. Dyar spoke to Casey a policy that allows one signature to allow the payroll, RSU and state commitments. But suggests that we continue to have two signatures. Crockett asked about payroll, Casey said we are continuing to use Peachtree. Casey talked about how TRIO does not report to the Federal and State government. Crockett asked about Third Party payroll service. Casey said she wants to see more from TRIO, and also explore Fayette.

Discontinuing Road, finish the discussion about South Taylor Rd

Wright spoke about another citizen complained about the south Taylor rd being blocked. The Selectboard agree that it is a public easement and can't be blocked but the public can be deterred to use the road. Crockett suggests the Selectboard take a trip down there. Dyar suggests they reach out to the people that put up the barrier at a later time.

Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee, Sign Contract

Paul Crockett signed two copies of the contract, motion to sign was made the last meeting and passed unanimously.

Discussion about TIF District

Dyar talked about having a TIF district, he suggests we have a lawyer go through the process. Having TIF district for the downtown district, village area, to make available town sewage instead of holding tanks.

Jackson spoke about maybe having an economic development, to work on the TIF District and any other future projects.

Motion by Dyar second by Crockett, to create an economic development committee Tom Ward and David Fuller to also be appointed.

Motion passed: unanimous.

Motion to appoint Clyde Dyar to the economic development committee

Motion passed: unanimous

Discussion Governance Committee

Dyar mentioned he thinks the time is right to bring back the committee to look over the structure of the town including positions and salaries. Crockett would like to see the report developed by the governance committee in 2001.

The contract for Masonic Lodge parking for Town of Mt Vernon

Motion by Jackson seconded by Crockett to sign the contract

Motion passed: unanimous

Jackson asked if a new sign to be put by the beach for parking at the Masonic Lodge.

Planning Board appointment

Motion by Crockett seconded by Dyar to appoint Jeffery Wiles 5 years to the Planning Board, expires 6/30/2024

Motion passed: unanimous

Other Business

Crockett mentioned the Chicken Barbeque, sand was put was sand was put over the culvert. Crockett said he might need to call the Road Commissioner to remove the sand.

ACO, Dyar spoke to Kevin Wheeler, Dyar asked that he wants a report every month. In reference to Casey question, he will be paid monthly per report. He acknowledges he needs to take the state class, July 18th.

Crockett mentioned that broadband is working along, and they received a grant.

RFQ, Crockett is going to work on it, for the roof. Dyar spoke about a group of Amish are working on metal now too. Dyar spoke about if the town purchased material. Waiting to hear from Andy Dube.

The comprehensive plan, Jackson, asked if they can have a public hearing, and post at the town hall. To be put on the November ballot.

Dyar met with Greater Minnehonk Lake Association and spoke to the CPC, they don't have enough money to do the drugging, the CPC is giving \$1,000 and the

GMLA is also donating \$1,000. Dyar is asking the Crockett to write a letter thanking him. Also presented a contract from MDOT for the work.

Motion by Dyar second by Jackson to sign the municipal partnership program, extension Pipe arch.

Motion passed: unanimous.

6. Adjournment: 8:31pm