

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Trish Jackson, Rick Tompkins, Ron Lockwood, Peggy Lancaster, Mark Gilbert, Sherene Gilman, Kate Farrin, Alex Wright, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

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

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

7:00pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 5/28/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Other Business.**

Peggy Lancaster came to speak with the Board about 2 issues. One about Camp Laurel's intrusive lights. She communicated directly with them and they installed a very bright light that shone across the lake and they could not see the stars. Laurel told them they thought they switched the bulbs out. She believes it is an intrusive light. They have since installed a yellow light but there is no hood on it. They say they need it to keep an eye on the kids. Another complaint regards the construction before 7pm and after 9pm. She asked the Board if there were certain hours of the day when heavy equipment can be run. Dyar stated that he believes there is a noise ordinance and CEO Marble would be here tomorrow and could answer the question about the light tomorrow. There are decibel limits in the Land Use Ordinance regarding construction between 8am and 8pm.

Lancaster stated Camp Laurel has now shut most of the lights off but they will be on in 14 days. Lancaster asked if the Board members would take a moment to drive down to see the lights. Crockett stated he will email Keith and let him know there is concern about the lights and get back to Lancaster.

The second issue is about the Town Report. She needs to understand the tax info. Her and her husband sold a property of May of 2016. The tax bill came out August 2016. Both parties agreed in the Purchase Agreement that the new owners would pay it. However, their name is in the book as owing taxes. Lancaster added how long it takes to change names on a tax bill. Dyar answered April 1 is the beginning of assessment and the next April 1st would have gone to the next owners. It would go to a civil case if the new owners do not pay the tax bill. She is upset because it is their name in the book instead of the new owner's name. Lancaster stated she has not had this problem in other towns when they sell property. The Board suggested next time they collect any owed taxes at closing when they sell a property.

7:15pm **Prep for town meeting and budget committee.** Wright stated the RSU 38 is looking to get a bond for capital improvement. They are currently up to approximately 5 million and are going through every line item to see what goes and what is kept. The new Superintendent takes over July 1st. Crockett stated the Board would like to have the Superintendent visit during next year's budget season.

-Letter for town's request to FEMA for the storm last October. Dyar motioned to sign it. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-MDOT LRAP- The town will receive \$47,672. Crockett will meet with Dunn to get it signed off on.

-Annual report for 30 Mile River Watershed was received.

-Dyar stated the Town was reimbursed on one of the abatements.

-Honeycomb **paving brick issue at the dock**. Dyar got in touch with one of the owners of Gagne's. They want the contractor to redo the bricks at his expense and he agreed to do it but there may well have been an issue with faulty material. Dyar will keep the Board informed as things move forward.

-Dyar stated the trash at the beach has been picked up. There is also an issue with the size of the trash cans. There are problems with people dumping trash at the beach.

-There was discussion about the geese at the beach and possibly putting up fencing or other deterrent.

Discussion with Budget Committee. Gilman asked if there were any loose ends since they last met. For example, the amounts for Winthrop Dispatch and Ambulance. Dispatch came in and was under budget. Gilman asked if there was anything to be done on the floor. Crockett stated the budget is almost flat unless someone wants to make a motion from the floor to add money to the Roads budget. As of now the budget is a 2% increase from last year. However, the RSU has gone up 3.47%. Kennebec County went up 2.55%. If present citizens feel the roads are very bad and want to propose additional monies during the Town Meeting they can do that. Gilman asked the Board if they have an idea how they are going to respond regarding the Waste Management issue. There is not a market for the zero sort recycling with its higher percentage of contamination than sorted recycling. There was discussion about giving this topic more attention since it is affecting many Maine communities. As of this month it will cost \$140/ton for recycling and it is only \$67/ton for trash.

The Budget Committee requested meeting with the Select Board at their next meeting on 6/25/18 to begin talking about what they want to do for next year.

Gilman asked if the recycle list is on the website. Crockett will check into that.

Gilman asked if they were missing a speed limit sign on the flat near Camp Laurel. Dyar will also ask DOT about that.

-Crockett asked Dyar to ask DOT about steps someone had to build up over the guardrail and if the State would be able to make a cut in the guardrail so the individual does not need to use stairs over the guardrail.

-There is a personnel issue with an employee that has requested more money.

Dyar motioned to enter executive pursuant to MRSA 405 (6)(A). Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Exit executive session. No action taken.

8:01pm Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.