

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2018

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Sandy Wright, Andy Marble, Barbara Skapa, Sue Herman, Ron Lockwood, Brad Jackson, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:03pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:03pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:03pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 2/5/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:04pm **Meet with Ordinance review team members and CEO- potential LUO updates.** There was discussion about updates to the Land Use Ordinance and Andy Marble gave the Board and the Ordinance Review Committee notes about updates he thinks should be made to the Land Use Ordinance.

(see attachment) Marble also stated he has issue with the 30% rule and prefers it were square foot cap that correlates with how close the structure is to the shoreline. The Board and committee would like to look into what the impact of this would be. There was discussion on how that would affect the new gazebo project.

Marble also discussed road setbacks with the Board. He stated 50' set back on some of these minor roads is a long ways. There was discussion about the setbacks of other town's Marble works for. He stated Smithfield has no setback and Rome has a 15' setback from the property lines. He thinks accessory structure setback requirements could be reduced, especially on private roads. He agrees that 75' for a house is a good setback, but changing the setback for accessory structures to 30' could be a good idea

Marble brought up that fences are not allowed to be more than 3' high in the village because they are not usually defined as structures.

Marble questioned why there needed to be an operator living on or close to a commercial property. Herman stated that was put in to make sure businesses added in a rural zone were compatible with residences. If they lived on the property they would be less likely to make drastic changes incompatible with residential living. There was also a discussion about a garage having to be connected to a main residence if they were using it for business purposes.

There was a discussion about the marijuana grow buildings and if it was considered an agricultural activity or not. Marble is going to ask the Planning Board to clarify the definition of agriculture and whether it is include under the definition in agriculture.

Jackson proposed an addition to the animal care ordinance. They would like to add wording describing exactly what providing proper shelter means. Wright and Skapa explained how the issue is mostly with the dogs being outside in extreme temperatures. Skapa stated she would like to see more care given to the dogs in our community. Skapa and Wright will do some more research on it.

There was also discussion about the Food Sovereignty Act, which has already passed state legislation. Skapa stated the Town would just be adopting the ordinance.

7:55pm **Question about snowmobile club reimbursements.** The snowmobile club would like to be reimbursed all of the snowmobile registration fees instead of only the first \$500. They are asking this be added to the warrant for the next town meeting.

7:59pm **Review off-road plow contract and ready it for sending to bid.** Crockett drafted this. Dyar stated there was also discussion about the contract changing for the library portion. The Board asked Gross about the amount for the Performance bond, which should be 50% of the contract. The returned bids on the contract will be due April 2nd.

Other business

-Dyar found a trailer for \$300 that the town generator can be stored on. \$150 will come from Community Center budget and \$150 from municipal budget. Crockett motioned to purchase trailer. Jackson seconded. Vote 2-0 in favor. Dyar abstained.

8:08pm **Contract signing: Belgrade – inter-local transfer station agreement.** Dyar motioned to sign the inter-local transfer station agreement. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

8:10pm **Aging in Place Committee.** The board is creating this as a new committee and there are nine members. Dyar motioned to form the aging in Place Committee. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Jackson motioned to appoint all nine members to the committee. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

8:10pm **Executive session for poverty abatement.** Dyar motioned to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA SS 405(6)(F).

Exit executive session. no action taken

8:23pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.