



## Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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### Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 03-30-2020

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Paul Crockett (Chair)

Members Absent: Clyde Dyar

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey

#### 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 03/16/2020

**Motion** to accept the minutes by Crockett seconded by Jackson

**Motion** passed: unanimous

#### FY 20-21 Budget, Discussion

The Selectboard discussed the proposed budget by the Tax Collector/ Clerk along with discussing the up-dated budget proposed by the other departments. There were some questions raised by the Selectboard and the Treasurer about some line items in the Clerks budget and what they mean in detail. However, Casey talked about how she is in contact with them and will be working further to give more detail. Casey, Wright further discussed the rest of the department's proposed budgets and the status of them. Casey also discussed her email to the Selectboard in regard to her opinion about using accounting software and gave examples of how the current software is not sufficient or efficient for the Treasurer position. Casey is looking into continue using Peachtree instead of switching to TRIO. Casey mentioned her budget along with making the Administrative Assitant the backup.

Crockett discussed the TRIO update and how we will need to budget. Wright asked Crockett about the Transfer station budget. He responded he contacted with Waste Managemet and instead use Triono. Crockett sites that this transition will save money.

### Municipal Property Tax, Discussion

There has been a discussion about if we should continue to impose 9% interest on delinquent property taxes or delay it till later in the year. The clerk thinks we are several hundred thousand behind in the collection on property taxes compared to last year.

**Motion** by Crockett to delay imposing any interest charges on property taxes until May 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Motion** passed: 2/3

Crockett wants to make it clear that this is not a tax holiday and people should not pay their taxes. Casey went further to say that since the town hall is closed along with COVID19 difficulties it would help lessen the burden.

### COVID-19, Discussion

Wright mentioned there are guidelines by MMA to decide on the options for the annual town hall meeting. Crockett mentioned we should discuss this at a later date but should be discussed further. Jackson entertained have the meeting outside. She also mentioned that has concerns about the election and people trying to run for positions, how this might affect us. Crockett also asked about how Pat Rawson is doing about the masks, Wright responded that he talked to her the other day and she was in good spirits.

### Other Business

Jackson mentioned she talked to the State about the difficulties getting signatures. She has not heard anything in return that was encouraging. Casey asked the Selectboard if they support her opinion about TRIO, the Selectboard agreed.

**Motion** by Crockett to sign a Thank You Letter to Kennebec County Corrections for their work.

**Motion:** passed 2/3

#### 4. Adjournment: 7:40 pm

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

**Motion passed:** unanimous