

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018

The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Alex Wright, Peggy White, Laura Wheeler, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:05pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:05pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:05pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 4/30/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:03pm **Citizen concerns.** Peggy White is present because she was here for one hour 15 minutes to register one car on Thursday morning. She was the ninth person waiting in line. White would like to know why the town office hours changed because the hours before worked for the majority of the Town. She stated she lost an hour of work time waiting here. Additionally, she wants to know why she did not receive any notification by mail. White reiterated that there needs to be at least one day of evening hours for people that work days.

Crockett explained that the Clerk is in charge of changing the hours, and there have not been that many official complaints.

Dyar asked if there was a specific night that would be most effective. White responded that any night would be better than no nights.

White also asked about registering their boats online. She stated she asked Rachel why she could not register her car or boat online. Online registration needs to be done through InfoME. One way to help remediate this would be to set up the InfoME account so that citizens can complete online registrations. Crockett will contact them.

School discussion. Alex Wright-lighting projection. There was a discussion about the lighting in Mount Vernon Elementary. Wright received a quote of approximately \$180k to redo all lighting in Mount Vernon elementary. That does not take into consideration EfficiencyMaine.

Conversation of consolidating the elementary schools. Alex stated that will be a formal conversation. There was a discussion about which elementary school would be most likely to be closed.

The vote for the new superintendent was unanimous. He will be effectively taking office July 1st. The School Budget vote will be Wednesday May 16th at 7:00pm at Maranacook High School. The Select Board urged citizens to attend.

Citizen concern. Ray Carrier- Carrier contacted the Board about the abandoned section of the North Taylor Road where he and another citizen bought land. They are hopeful the town will improve the road so they will be able to easily travel it.

The Board spoke with the Road Commissioner. That section of road has had no maintenance by the town in over 30 years. Crockett stated the Board still has some more research to do and they do not

know if it was officially discontinued. There was further discussion about what it means if the road has been discontinued and the different regulations surrounding that. Crockett received a suggestion from MMA to first determine whether the road was discontinued or not. At this point in time the town needs to do some more research to get a definitive answer on this.

Carrier stated he and the other individual will be living up there full time. He added that they are paying taxes like other citizens but they are not receiving the full benefits from paying those taxes. There was further discussion regarding this. He asked how he will get mail if the road is not maintained and how would a fire truck get there if his house caught on fire. He stated the difference in maintenance is only 450' feet from where the snow plow stops now.

The Board will check with Registry of Deeds to see if anything can be found there and they will check Town documents to see if there is anything there. If nothing can be found, the Board will have to determine if the Road has been abandoned.

There was also discussion about whether the post office would deliver to their home. Crockett responded that would be up to the post office.

Dyar stated that no decision would be made in this meeting today, but the Board will do their due diligence looking into it.

There was a discussion about what is currently in the roads budget. Wheeler told the Board that with a child it is important to her to have plowing in the winter and for the emergency services to come through. Crockett stated that at this time it is safest to treat that portion as part of their driveway. She stated there would be room for a turnaround for the plow if the Town would consider improving the road to her property. There was discussion about whether the school bus goes up their road or not. Jackson suggested that Wheeler inquire of the school where the closest bus stop is.

7:52pm **Finalize IT support decision.** The Board opened the four bids at the prior meeting. Dyar motioned to accept Savage's proposal. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Crockett will let the other bidders know.

8:00pm **Work on Warrant for Town Meeting, etc.**

Add ordinance review articles.

Crockett suggested changing wording of Roads budget so that it would be possible for it to be increased on the floor. Dyar suggested running it by the Budget Committee. Crockett stated he will reword the article and send it to the Budget committee for everyone to weigh in.

Dyar will complete the Town report dedication

8:07pm **Other Business.**

-Dyar asked about changing the padlock on Transfer Station gate. Crockett will look into getting a new lock.

-There was a discussion about the trash containers at the beach and whether there should be a dumpster or no trash cans at all. Jackson asked if placing trash cans in other public places around town had been discussed.

8:20pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.