



## Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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### Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 11-11-2019

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Mark Gilbert, Sue Herman, Sandy Wright, Quimby Robinson, and Kerry Casey

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order: 7:06 pm
3. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
4. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

#### Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 10/28/19

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

**Motion** passed: unanimous

#### Vienna Historical Society, discussion

Quimby Robinson, came in to discuss the Mt Vernon Horse Drawn Funeral Carriage located at Vienna Historical society in Vienna Maine. Robinson wanted to know who would take an insurance policy for the Carriage and if done who would receive the money compensated? The Selectboard acknowledged it was a good question.

Crockett spoke that if there was to be a fire or disaster Mt Vernon would not hold the Vienna Historical society liable for any damage or destruction. Robinson acknowledged, he went further to ask if we are to take an insurance policy on the carriage. Wright mentioned that he had spoken to MMA and it would cost \$80 to cover the carriage per year. Robinson indicated that it is significantly cheaper than what he was quoted. The Selectboard agreed to continue this discussion but in the meantime not worry about the carriage.

### Quarter Review of Assessments

The Selectboard reviewed the document. Wright mentioned that the 1.2-million-dollar valuation increase would equate to about \$21,000 if the mill rate stayed the same for next year. The Selectboard was happy about the increase.

### Administration Budget, discussion

Casey talked about her concern that the Administrative budget is 60% into the year. Casey gave the Selectboard budget spreadsheets to look over. Casey's mentioned she was confused about translating the Warrant Articles from the excel budget worksheet.

### Other Business

Crockett reached out to Brett Roberts about clearing the town hall and other municipal properties that will need to be cleared. Crockett mentioned changing the Community Center ramp path to make it easier to use the front.

Jackson asked if it would be alright to send the comprehensive plan to the state for approval? The Selectboard agreed to move forward.

Wright mentioned the Planning Board is looking at attending the MMA Planning Board course. Crockett acknowledged. Wright also mentioned he had a conversation with Sherene Gilman about the budget committee and what we could do to recruit new members. Wright mentioned the conversation turned to ask if the budget committee is still necessary. Crockett acknowledged the predicament and wanted to note that he may have startled some members when referencing how the budget committee and the Selectboard work to formulate the budget. Casey mentioned that she would like to build a text budget. Crockett indicated that many of the town departments come to discuss their budgets and they bring their own excel sheets. Crockett mentioned he personally doesn't mind having a compressed process for the budget.

### Governance Committee

Sue Herman and Sandy Wright talked about their progress with the governance committee. Herman mentioned their goal is to get some job descriptions done before the end of the year for the major positions. In their investigation, they are thinking of maintaining an elected town clerk, increasing Administrative assistants to 25 hr., and have the Treasurer be an appointed position. Herman also mentioned they are thinking of adding an ordinance for the town clerks' hours and changing some items in their job description. Their idea would be for the town office to be open at least Saturday each week, or one day open until 7 pm. CEO, increasing his hours to at least

two days a week. Crockett mentioned that it may be good to look at how many hours the treasurer needs? The governance committee acknowledged.

### CPC

Sandy Wright presented to the Selectboard about the tool library, mentioning that they will be the second tool library in the State of Maine. Wright mentioned that they are working on the organization and the process of how to allow the public to borrow the equipment. Along with having a town person help allow access to the building. Their goal is to make available tools that the public would not normally have; Casey suggested having a drain snake. Sandy Wright mentioned they are going to come this Saturday to look over the basement. Casey mentioned she will be happy to open the town office. Sandy Wright acknowledged there is a lot of stuff down there and she understands the undertaking of moving the stuff. Crockett said Alive and Well equipment can be used for the Tool Library.

**Motion** by Crockett and seconded by Jackson to have the tool library in the basement of the tool library.

**Motion** passed: unanimous

### 5. Adjournment: 7:45 pm

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

**Motion** passed: unanimous