

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018

The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Trish Jackson, Marti Gross, Alex Wright, Ron Lockwood, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:01pm Open Regular Select Board Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:01pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 10/29/18 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Update on 911 PSAP changes.** Dyar met with the sheriff and discussed what was occurring with PSAP. There was discussion about towns that wanted to go with the RCC and if Mount Vernon wants to opt in or out. There will be a about a \$4k increase in cost. There was further discussion about the pathway emergency calls go through. This is an item that will need to be discussed with the Budget committee. Dyar has asked that an individual come up during a budget meeting to discuss this.

7:08pm **Appointment(s) to Board of Appeals, Community Center, etc.**

Crockett motioned to appoint Andie Zuniga Murch and Daphne Sanders to the Community Center Committee. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Crockett motioned to appoint Pat Rawson to the Committee of Aging. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Dyar motioned to appoint Malcom Hardy to the Board of Appeals. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:15pm **Tax abatements.** Two certificates of abatement were generated by the assessor's agent. Dyar motioned to sign all abatements suggested by the Assessor's agent. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:12pm **Updates in recycling at Transfer Station.** The Transfer Station committee has created flyers of what can and cannot be accepted by the Transfer station. Specific types of plastic can be accepted but thin plastic such as grocery bags cannot be accepted. Glass will also no longer be accepted. Cans are being dumped into the metal recycling bin. Crockett will contact the Road commissioner about pot holes that need to be filled at the Transfer station committee. Crockett also mentioned that there may need to be a special town meeting regarding the transfer station and the on-road plow contract.

7:15pm **Other business.**

- The Red Cross and Community Partnership will be testing and replacing anyone's fire alarms at no charge. If interested contact Pat Rawson at 293-2597.

-The **Community Center roof** has been fixed. Dyar thanked Scott Horne for donating gravel to fill in the drop off at the end of the ramp. Dyar stated the bricks at the beach may not be replaced until next year.

-RSU 38 update- Alex Wright is present to update the Board on the RSU budget. Wright stated the Superintendent and himself will be attending a Select Board meeting, most likely. The bond is January 8th and will be hosted in all towns as a referendum. They will be hosting forums on 27th and 28th of November. December 4th will be at Manchester elementary and at Readfield on December 5th.

Wright stated the total bond for the RSU is \$5.8 million.

Crockett asked what would constitute a yes vote on that. Wright stated that if any one town votes no then the bond does not go through and the RSU needs to submit another proposal. Wright added that the bond could also be broken into smaller parts or they could apply to the state for emergency funds. Crockett asked if people can vote absentee. Wright stated he was unsure but will look into it.

Crockett asked if it passes if more money will need to be raised. There was further discussion regarding the details of that. Wright stated if the bond does not pass it would be hard because of the Manchester boiler that needs to be replaced, additionally there has been leaking and mold due to the condition of the high school roof.

Gross asked about consolidation of the schools. Wright stated there will be a committee formed that considers closing some of the schools and consolidating onto one campus.

-mount Vernon has been recognized by AARP as an age-friendly community.

-Dyar motioned to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. (405)(6)(F). Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

The Board exited executive session.

Dyar motioned to approve poverty abatement as discussed. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:58pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.