

Town of Mount Vernon  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
**November 13, 2017**

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2017

**Present:** Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Barbara Skapa, Wayne Colebrook, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:00pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:00pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Dyar motioned to approve minutes of the 10/30/17 meeting. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **Citizen concern about cell tower.** Dyar stated this individual is no longer coming to the meeting. There was discussion about providers for the cell phone towers.

7:02pm **Abatement request.** Dyar motioned to sign the quit claim deed for Matt Dunn. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:10pm **Transfer Station.** Skapa was present at the meeting and suggested conducting a management review of the transfer station, including personnel and training. There was a discussion about the Transfer station and profits brought in from the recycling stream. Overall it is still a cost for the town, but less than it was before we had the single-stream compactors. Crockett suggested Skapa join the Transfer Station Committee and she responded she would be interested in doing that. The Transfer Station manager gave his notice as of 01/01/2018.

7:25pm **Update on boat launch project and comprehensive plan.** Clyde compiled pictures of the completed boat launch project and submitted them to the state. Dyar motioned for Crockett to sign on behalf of the Board. Dyar would like the Board to draft a letter to Scott Horne for going above and beyond his requirements as a contractor.

7:30pm **Other Business.**

-Skapa is awarding the town money in her will for a young woman to go to university and also money towards the library

-The next **Comprehensive Plan Committee** meeting is Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and they will review results of the survey that was recently sent out to all Mount Vernon citizens. Then they will break out into committees.

-**CMP pole.** Dyar motioned to sign the application for a new CMP pole. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Rachel Meader must sign off on the application.

-**Construction permit** from fire marshal's office for the library. Crockett will bring the document to Fred Webber.

-Dyar motioned for Crockett to fill out the Public Safety update record. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-**Life Flight.** There was a discussion about the Life Flight donation being included in the fire department budget. So far, the Town used Life Flight services once in 2017. The Board will discuss this with the fire department and at the budget meeting.

-**Office of Policy and Management** letter is put in Assessor mail slot.

-Letter from **Kennebec Land Trust** informing the Town they are open for public comment regarding their accreditation.

-An individual came in for the **Veterans excise tax exemption** and there is no methodology in Town for doing this. The Town needs to decide on a percentage and write an article to put in the warrant to be voted on at Town Meeting. Dyar will look into the logistics of this.

-The **Community Center Committee** would like to place a **dehumidifier** in the basement and tie it into the electrical panel. Dyar also discussed making the Community Center the **emergency shelter** for the Town, which would require obtaining a generator and installing a shower in the bathroom. There was further discussion about how to get the Community Center set up as an emergency shelter building. They will also investigate an on-demand **hot water heater**.

-There was a discussion about creating a more organized **emergency plan** so that all Select Board members know what everyone's role is. Jackson stated it would be good to have a list of people that should be checked on in the event of an emergency. The Board discussed purchasing a generator for the Town office. Jackson suggested having a meeting with the Fire Department and Rescue to make sure there is a plan in place and everyone knows what avenues to take during an emergency and what triggers opening a shelter.

-**Website**- still needs some more work. There is a link on there for meeting minutes. Crockett has reached out to the other Boards to ask them to send their minutes to Nate to place on the website.

-**Heat pumps**. Crockett suggested getting quotes for heat pumps for the town office.

7:58pm **Executive Session on legal matters**. Crockett motioned to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E), consultation with legal consul. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

**Exit executive session**. at 8:10pm. No action taken

8:19pm **Adjourn**. Crockett motioned to adjourn. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.