

Mt. Vernon Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 08, 2021

1997 North Road, Mt Vernon, ME 04352

Board Members Present: Paul Crockett (Chair), Anna Libby, Robert Grenier

Support Staff & Guests: Alice Counts (Administrative Assistant), Mark Gilbert (Ch 7), Kerry Casey (Treasurer), June Cauldwell (Community Center Chair, Safety Committee Chair)

Select Board Members Signed Weekly Warrant (6:30-7:00)

Meeting Called to Order

- SB Meeting was Called to Order by SB Crockett at 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes of 10-25-21

- Motion by SB Libby to accept the meeting minutes, 2nd by SB Crockett. Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Broadband Committee Update

- **new possibilities to cover (will Zoom for this)**

Policy Updates

- **No Smoking Policy** – Strike the reference to Schools 2) Add a further restriction ‘or within 25 feet of any entrance’ to the second sentence following ‘Mount Vernon’ 3) Strike Section 14.1 as it is now combined with section 14. Motion by SB Libby to accept the No Smoking Policy as amended, 2nd by SB Grenier. Motion Carried, Vote was 3-0. **PASS**
- This qualifies the Town for a \$350 grant.
- The remainder of the Policy Manual was tabled until the select board could further review. SB Crockett is looking for an updated version with regards to bidding that was passed in the January 2021 time frame and Treasurer Casey mentioned an update to Paid Time Off (PTO) stating that PTO does not extend after termination.

Insurance claim for “flood” and final wrap-up on the flooring project

- Mattson dropped off one of two promised extra boxes of flooring. The second box has been ordered.
- Mattson came in and laid the transition strip into the vault but did not cover the 4 inch strip in question. They will be back to lay a 4 inch vinyl strip as a solution to this issue.
- Johnny Jones installed the new toilet

ARPA funds

- Final Submittal was made, waiting on the funds to hit the bank

Emergency Manager

- We are still looking for someone to fill this spot.

Blake Hill Rd Bridge project

- SB Crockett thought it was better to go with DOT Engineering as he doubted the town would get the 60%. Need to convince the state that the underpinnings are fine. Need quote within 10%. The state will close this bridge to all traffic, including foot traffic if we don't reach an agreement.

Cottle Hill Rd Bridge project

- This repair is underway

Bean Rd paving

- This project was finished today, 11-08-21.

Trio –

- SB Crockett needs to close the loop with Harris.

Other Business

Selectmen Picture

- A new group picture was taken to include our new Selectmen, Robert Grenier. Also an individual pic of SB Grenier was taken for the website.

Transfer Station Shed

- Tom Brady volunteered to build, getting lumber bids, town will purchase the lumber. Tom Brady is also looking at a prefab solution with Hammond Lumber if he can get them to come down on pricing.

Spectrum Generations

- Submitted their request for \$975, which is up from last year's donation of \$950. SB Crockett said we would stay with our \$950 request at Town Meeting.

Family Violence Project

- Submitted their request for \$2000, which is what Town donated last year.

Oath for Overseer of the Poor and Assessor

- SB Grenier was informed that he needs to sign two more oaths of office

Maps

- Admin Asst Counts was asked to continue her effort on updating the Owner Index for the town maps. SB Crockett stated that Andy Dube with Diversified Drafting should have the maps updated by March 2022 provided we have the updated information to him in a reasonable time.

Clarification

- Nancy Dunn did not retire, she resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Mileage rate went up to .45/mile effective 7-12-2019

- Treasurer Casey verified that the Town was reimbursing for travel at the current price.

EPA/DEP

- Some illegal dumping in wetlands has been reported by residents. They have contacted EPA/DEP several times with no response. The Select Board decided it was time for them to step in and contact the EPA/DEP. SB Grenier was tasked with this effort.

Oldest Citizen

- Marjorie Jacobs and Dorothy Kent need to be added to Town's Oldest Citizen Placard.
- SB Grenier was asking if we could do the quilt again for Dorothy. June Cauldwell said she would reach out to Marie Hodgdon and Kathy Wilson regarding this possibility.

Vehicle Registration for 100% Disabled veterans

- Free registration, title fee exemption and automatic excise exemption on one vehicle

Town Cleaner

- Wendy Stevens has accepted this position. Town purchased a vacuum cleaner and new toilet.
- Basement Trash and Toilet need to be hauled to the Transfer Station.

LUO Updates

- Alice Counts has received redlines from SB Grenier and Sue Herman. The Peer Review Process continues.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Release of Liens

- Treasurer Casey was tasked with providing the list of recipients to Sandy Wright requesting that they include this effort on their next CPC Meeting agenda and proactively look at each individual and sign off on these liens as appropriate.

Safety Quarterly Meeting

- meets Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00 in the Community Center

Minnehonk Ridge Riders Snow Mobile Club Meeting

- meets tomorrow November 9th at 7:00 in the Community Center

Solar Farms

- Sue Herman would like the Ordinance Committee to look at Performance Standards for Solar Farms.

Department Mail boxes, Town Meeting Post it Board – Need to be hung

Obsolete Items

- These items can be discarded.

Fire Drills

- Library, Town Hall and Community Center held their first ever, annual Fire Drill on November 3rd and 4th.

Complaints

- No television audio for select meeting.
- Agenda not posted in a timely manner. Residents are requesting a 7-day notice.

Traffic delineators have been removed for the winter.

Adjourn

- SB Grenier motioned to Adjourn at 8:40, 2nd by SB Crockett, Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**