

Mt. Vernon Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021

1997 North Road, Mt Vernon, ME 04352

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

Support Staff & Guests: Alice Counts (Administrative Assistant), Mark Gilbert (Ch 7), Kerry Casey (Treasurer), Ron Lockwood (Ch 7), June Cauldwell (Community Center Chair, Safety Committee Chair), Greg Cauldwell (Planning Board Chair), Tom Ward (Aging in Place -Chair), Pat Rawson (Rescue Dir), David Sanders (Town Lawyer)

Guests Present via Zoom: Bill Rosenberg, Chuck Wright, Ken Elliot, Carl Rogers

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 09-27-21

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

Aging In Place

- Tom Ward spoke about Senior Housing Plan for an AARP community. Plan has been accepted
- \$1k micro grant for AARP Lifelong Communities Fellow, Bob McIntire to support his continued work.
- CPC to develop feasibility analysis study over the next 6-8 months.

Broadband Committee Update

- Bill Rosenberg, Chuck Wright, Carl Rogers and Ken Elliot attended the meeting via Zoom to give update on Broadband.
 - The current Broadband budget is \$2650.
 - Two major changes
 1. the coalition consultant is willing but uncomfortable to proceed without Select Board commitment. RFP will be no more than \$5k, so need \$2350 from the ARPA funds.
 2. Coalition is moving ahead without Mt Vernon. Since groups are favored over individual towns, Bill thinks minor accommodations can be made to be included in the Coalition.
 - Fayette and Vienna have no internet or cable currently whereas 2/3 Mt Vernon have great access.
 - Need to incorporate a diversity of towns in RFP.

Motion by SB Crockett to allocate an additional \$4k to Broadband Committee, 2nd by SB Libby. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**

Road Commissioner

- **Discussion for long range plan for road improvements.**
 - MMA Local Road Guide designates that all the roads in Mt Vernon are 3 Rod Roads (49-1/2 width)
 - Looking at widening the following roads to meet this guide:
 1. Desert Pond Road
 2. Mooar Hill Road
 3. Ithiel Gordon Road
 - Need to take into consideration the road that have stone walls. Road may need to go around them so as not to damage them.

- Culvert Repair/Replacement on Bean Road
 - Alice Counts and Maureen Brescia both spoke regarding a culvert between their two properties that appears to either be clogged or crimped and no longer allows water to flow causing a backup on their properties. LK Dunn to take a look at this.
 - Alice Counts also mentioned the Great Job that LK Dunn did by clearing and eliminating the Blind Corner on Bean. It was discovered that the culvert flowing from that corner to Mooar Hill Road was crimped and missing the bottom. This will go on the to be done work order.
- Salt Bids
 - Morton at 72.10
 - Harcos at 78.50
 - New England at 65.00

Motion by SB Crockett to accept New England Salt bid of 65.00/ton, 2nd by SB Libby. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

Planning Board Appointment

- Motion by SB Libby to Appoint David Sanders to the Planning Board Alternate position, 2nd by SB Crockett. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**

ARPA Funds

- The first allotment which is half of \$178,000 has not arrived yet.

Reviewed Flooring Bids and Selected Flooring Company

- Bid Received from the following companies
 - Mattson Flooring
 - Flooring Systems
 - Hammond Lumber

Motion by SB Crockett to accept the Mattson LVP bid, 2nd by SB Libby. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

- The Smith Cemetery Hazard Tree is scheduled to be removed next week.

CMP LED Street Light Conversion Program. Discuss and Sign Contract

- SB Crockett decided to accept the inventory list submitted by CMP.
- Motion by SB Libby to have SB Crockett sign the CMP Agreement to upgrade all Street Lights the Town leases from them. This contract is for 15 years.

Consider waiving the Petition requirement for the five (5) non-profits the town contributes to annually, again this year due to Covid concerns

- The Five (5) Non-Profits are:
 - Family Violence
 - Sexual Assault
 - 30 Mile River Watershed
 - Spectrum Generation
 - Hospice Volunteers

Motion by SB Libby to waive petition requirement for the listed non-profits, 2nd by SB Crockett. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

Other Business

- Bridge and Paving updates
 - Lee Dunn is waiting on Pike Industries to Pave Bean Road
- E911 Updates, Map Updates

- Bob Grenier stated that the Town budgeted for this expense. SB Crockett stated there are plans to have this done this winter. Pat Rawson requested an updated hard copy map for rescue. Bob Grenier stated the hard copies are no longer available. Need to check into the possibility of getting a printed copy for Rescue.
- TRIO meeting update
 - SB Crockett tabled this until next meeting
- Code Enforcement Status
 - Alice Counts asked whether we need to submit this information yearly to the state as was done in previous years. Alice to call the state and verify.
- Revize Website update
 - Alice Counts asked if there was any movement on getting a new Town Website. SB Crockett said he thought it was a good idea but that it needed to wait for the Town Meeting in June.
- Alice Counts asked for more information regarding the following
 - MEMA Mass Care Shelter Training
 - Emergency Manager/Director – need a job description for this volunteer position. June Cauldwell mentioned that possibly David Bryant with “the Ancient Ones” may be of help in finding someone to fill this position. This director would have authority to manage after 3+ days without power.
 - Hazard Mitigation Funding that was due 9-15-21
 - Overseers of the Athletic Committee – now defunct
 - Freedom of Information Access (FOIA)
 - Civil Ground Patrol – Floated idea of having teens volunteer to run errands on their snowmobiles for people snowed in or in need of services such as having meds, food, formula, essential items, etc. This could possibly be under the direction of the Emergency Manager/Director.
- Transfer Station Job Description – SB Libby has formatted a job description however there have been no applicants yet.

Motion by SB Crockett to accept new Job Description, 2nd by SB Libby, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

- Complaints
 - Questions concerning who to contact regarding dumping of construction materials on individual property.

Motion to go to Executive Session

- Motion by SB Crockett to go to Executive Session , 2nd by SB Libby at 8:25pm. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn