



## Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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### Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 10-12<sup>th</sup>-2020

Members Present: Mac Hardy(Chair), Paul Crockett, Sherene Gilman

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, Ron Lockwood, Dan Onion, Carol O'Connell

#### Signed Warrant.

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
3. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

#### Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 09/28/2020

**Motion** by Crockett seconded by Gilman

**Motion** passed: unanimous

#### Dan Onion, Health Officer

Hardy introduced Dan Onion, Onion, presented an idea where he developed a program in Farmington, where a social worker directed by an interlocal organization to encourage individuals would reach out to senior or at health risk individuals. Onion proposes we develop an organization by the town with the usage of grants to develop a similar program of reaching out to health risk individuals in Mt Vernon and support them with a trained social worker or similar position. Crockett, GA perspective many of the applications have mental or physical problems, Crockett mentioned that he asks if they are working with a social worker, if not then he would refer them to work with a social worker. Crockett asked if there was a similar model out there. Onion replied that he has not looked, but there probably is somewhere in Maine. Gilman spoke about her approach is through the comprehensive plan, there reply would generally be "follow the comprehensive plan". Gilman continues to ask where does Onions idea fit in the comprehensive plan? Then assigning some of the jobs to the appropriate committees. Onion mentioned his thought

would be to explore it with more individuals and concur with Gilman. Hardy mentioned, who would be the coordinator for all the projects and goals? Onion mentioned it could be involving the hospital and work with people that have connections. The Selectboard agrees that it is a good idea and the conversation should continue and see what the options are. Gilman mentioned Aging in Place committee has a lot of parallels and would be a good starting group to work with.

#### Swap Shop discussion, Carol O'Connell

Hardy discussed his conversation with Atlantic Recycling, the guide island needs to be move before next pickup. The oil in the system needs to be changed. O'Connell mentioned this year there was an oil change was done. O'Connell mentioned changing the fluids should be put on a regular basis. Crockett mentioned there MMA insurance who came in to inspect the Transfer Station and made suggestions. Hardy mentioned it would be prudent to have someone come in and make suggestions, instead of OSHA tacking on penalties. Also, there is a quartz heater for the electric panel. The intention is for the Swap Shop to be closed, and have outdoor stuff removed before winter. O'Connell makes the suggestion open earlier in May and close earlier in October, possibly adding another tub. Gilman mentioned the Transfer Station committee could look into this further. Hardy will work and coordinate the fixing of the guide island for the recycling tub.

#### Town Goals Discussion

Hardy presented a summarized main point of all the committee and departments goals. Hardy asked the Selectboard how to prioritize the goals for the Selectboard to accomplish. Crockett likes the short, medium- and long-term goals. Find some goals that are in the list and delineate some goals to do some. Gilman mentioned that the Selectboard should support and communicate clearly with the committees some of the goals and what they need. Focused on the short terms Gilman mentioned, having the basement cleaned out and assembling the LED sign.

- a. Cleaning out the basement, Short Term, Hardy spoke about the clearing out the basement, mentioned someone including himself could help clean it out but needs a bin. Triaono would provide one and the dumpster is needed as soon as possible. Gilman will order.
- b. Generator goal, Short Term, Crockett spoke about getting it going. Crockett said he will do it.
- c. Trails Committee, Casey mentioned there are some local non-profit committees that have been and continue to maintenance trails. Have the Economic Development committee work with the local non-profit with trials. Gilman mentioned she would need to ask the Economic Development committee if they can take it on.

#### Other Business

- a. Annual General Assistance ordinance update  
**Motion** by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve the 2020 Annual General Assistance Ordinance  
**Motion:** passed unanimous
- b. Posting of the Administrative Assistant position  
Put the posting on the website, Gilman suggested Indeed and the Flying Pond Store, and posting on other sites. Remove, 1-week paid vacation and add Newsletter under duties. Also include how to apply, use Selectboard email.
- c. Streetlights  
Crockett will look into having the Street light fixed by CMP.
- d. Petition gathers  
Email requesting that we waive the need to petition to get on the annual warrant if ask remains the same.  
  
**Motion** by Crockett seconded by Gilman to waive the requirement for petition to get on the Annual Town Warrant: Family Violence, Spectrum Generations, 30 Mile Watershed, Sexual Assault, and Hospice.  
**Motion** passed: unanimous
- e. Newsletter emailing  
Bill Rosenberg mentioned if they could use the newsletter email list for broadband. Selectboard agreed not to give out the newsletter email address.
- f. Assessment Review Committee  
Will speak to Roger Peppered about its necessity.
- g. Community Center policy for meetings  
The Selectboard, agreed that the policy for emergency meetings
- h. Nate website  
Crockett will follow up and look to implement
- i. Administrative Assistant laptop  
Nate priced out a laptop and said it would be around \$200
- j. Route 41 MDOT speed  
Crockett spoke to Dave Allan and said there would be no speed change, and Hardy sent him and email.
- k. Alexander Wright
  1. The Selectboard thanked Alexander W Wright for his service for the town and they mentioned their enjoyment of working with him. They wish him the best for his future adventures.

4. Adjournment: 9:15 pm

**Motion** to adjourn by Gilman seconded by Crockett

**Motion** passed: unanimous