

# **Mt. Vernon Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 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), Carole O'Connell (Transfer Station), Greg Cauldwell (Planning Board Chair), June Cauldwell (Community Center Chair, Safety Committee Chair), Michelle Pino, Katherine Booth

## **Select Board Members Signed Weekly Warrant**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

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

### **Meeting Minutes of 08-30-21**

- Motion by SB Crockett to Table the meeting minutes until next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby. Motion Carried. Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

### **Select Board Organization and Vote for Chair**

- SB Libby Nominated SB Crockett as Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Crockett, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**

### **Discuss Town Hall Masking Protocol and Vote on Policy.**

- Motion by SB Libby to immediately reinstate Masking regardless of vaccination status due to the Delta variant and transmission rate, until further notice. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Crockett, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**
- Further discussed that head gear is not acceptable, and that this applies to the Town Hall and the Swap Shack at the transfer station. Plastic barriers, i.e., cashiers windows are acceptable and do not require the clerks to be masked.
- Discussion regarding forming a barrier around the Swap Shop yard. Kerry Casey to order cones from U-Line. Also possible Sandwich Board signs.

### **Community Center Bids for two (2) heat pumps.**

- Received bids from Breathable Home and Dave's Appliance. Motion by SB Crockett to accept the bid from Breathable Home, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**.

### **Community Service Day**

- Tom Ward (Aging in Place) has work for the students to perform on Community Service Day. SB Crockett to reach out to Robyn Graziano, Master Advisor for Maranacook, Class of 2023.
- Community Center could use help with stone work.
- Pat Rawson can use help with stacking wood.

### **ARPA Funds available to municipalities**

- SB Libby stated the following as top items that can benefit from these funds and report back next meeting.
  - Blake Hill Bridge
  - Generators
  - Broadband – possibly a separate grant coming specifically for broadband
- Community Center is looking into requisitioning their own generator, estimate approximate \$14k. SB Crockett to check with Mac Hardy regarding the CMP Triplex line from the Fire Station to the Community Center in Case of Emergency.

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## Water Damage Progress at Town Hall

- Alice Counts reported that Dry Masters found mold and mildew under the water cooler. It looked as though this was an ongoing process that took several months to develop. It was decided to dispose of the water cooler.
- Asbestos Abatement Complete
- Subfloor treated with Biocide to kill mold, mildew etc.
- Need Bid for moving furniture during new flooring
- Remove Old Desk to the dump
- Need licensed, insured Flooring Contractor to lay new flooring

## Digital Talking Sign –

- Resident Katherine Booth voiced opposition to the Fire Station sign, as she was not happy with the appearance of the Town Hall electronic sign and felt this would be another example of the same.
- SB Libby stated that she was not sold on the idea, that she had misgivings about the sign as well.
- SB Crockett made the motion to allow the Fire Department Signage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**

## Approvals Requested

- Discuss CEO private pay for extra trip to town for LPI work. SB Crockett approved CEO Butler to work on his off days, travel plus hourly rate once he is on site. Motion by SB Crockett to approve private pay when contractors needed CEO services, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**
- Central Maine Power Town Pole Permit – Wings Mills Road and Parker Road. This permit has been faxed to CMP
- Community Center needs two (2) more Fire Exit lights. Ok per SB Crockett
- Purchase of surplus equipment from the State. The Town purchased 7 file cabinets plus other furniture for \$108.00.
- Discuss Potential Computer purchases. SB Crockett tabled this until next meeting.
- Aging in Place – 2 year Tri Town (Fayette, Vienna and Mount Vernon) Grant Application. Motion by SB Crockett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**

## Consider Appointments for the following positions:

- SB Libby Nominated both Railo and Codd for appointments to the Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Crockett, Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0.
- Jonathan Railo – Community Center. Jonathan needs to sign oath of office
- Tori Codd – Community Center, Tori needs to sign oath of office.

## Other Business

### Updates on:

- Removal of Hazard Tree at Smith Cemetery on Spring Hill Road. Deep Root Tree service has schedule this for the end of this month.
- MMA Property Survey of Library, Fire Station and Sand/Salt Shed. Waiting Findings from MMA.
- CMP LED Street Light Conversion Program. SB Libby and SB Crockett to meet up Wednesday night at 6:30pm to inventory lights.
- Increase pay for Library and Transfer Station employees to be placed on Town Meeting Warrant in June 2022.
- SB Crockett suggested that Planning Board members should sign up to take the Planning Board MMA Classes.

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- Posting of Transfer Station Job Opening.
- **Alice Counts (Admin Asst) brought up the following:**
  - Trio Meeting and Discussion to be arranged by SB Crockett – Tabled to next meeting
  - Special Election for new Selectman to take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion by SB Crockett to hold a Special Election on November 2, 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby. Motion Carried. Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**
  - Town Hall front Entrance Ramp and siding needs to be power washed. Wasps need to be treated.
  - Furniture movers needed to move furniture back in place after Dry Masters finished drying the subfloor over the past weekend and into today.
  - Alice Counts working with Pat Rawson regarding Handicap equipment available to loan to Mount Vernon Residents
  - Permission to power wash outside of Town Hall Entrance and side. SB Crockett recommended Sunny Day Cleaning and said anything less than \$500 doesn't need SB approval.
  - Water Extraction – the Select Board will have a conversation on this to decide if this should be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant in June 2022 for Ordinance Review.
  - Vote to hold November 2, 2021 Special Election for Selectman. Motion by SB Crockett to hold a Special Election on November 2, 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby. Motion Carried. Vote was 2-0. **PASS.**
  - Traffic Calming Cones are hard to see for some residents, as they blend in with the road markings.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion by SB Crockett to Adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby at 8:22pm. Motion Carried, Vote was 2-0. **PASS**