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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 09-16-2019

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Paul Crockett (Chair), Clyde Dyar

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Karry Casey, Bill Brown, Dick Greenan and David Fuller

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order: 7:01pm
3. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
4. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 09/02/19

Motion to accept by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

Town Hall Roof, discussion

Crockett is going to reach out to Andy Dube and Ben Loughlin about the progress for the Town Hall Roof and report back to the board.

Downtown Restaurant, Bill Brown

Bill presented to Selectman, about their interaction with the state, mentioning the State picked up that our local ordinances would prohibit the construction of a new holding tank and they wish to refer to the town before any more action is taken by the state. Brown talked about a letter of no action by the town for the restaurant project to

be used to confer with the state that the town wishes not to take any legal action against the construction of a new holding tank for the restaurant located in the village district. Crockett reiterates that the town will not take any action against this particular project and that the state has less stringent restrictions.

Motion for the Chairman to sign the letter by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

Economic Development Committee, Discussion

David Fuller presented to the selectmen about the TIF District. Presented a contract to the Selectboard to ponder and a grant application. Jackson was concerned when looking over the breakdown of costs, especially money spent on presentations. Fuller mentioned there is wiggle room to continue to negotiate the contract with Al Hodgkin's. Dyar mentioned we would need to set up a special town hall meeting to pay for the estimated costs of \$12,000. Dyar mentioned he will also try to apply for the Davis foundation for help supplement the costs.

Motion by Dyar seconded by Jackson to have Crockett sign the grant application

Motion passed: unanimous

Belgrade Area Dams Association

Dick Greenan spoke to the Selectboard about the situation with the Belgrade Area Dams Association. He spoke about how the rest of the towns e.g. Sidney, Oakland, Rome, and Mt Vernon has approved the new contract and Belgrade wishes to make additional changes. Greenan sited that all towns have paid their dues for the year and changes made will be brought to the Selectboard. The Selectboard acknowledged the changes, Crockett referred to our warrant articles and how it was worded so the town should be good to approve changes. Greenan also mentioned work on the Wings Mills Dam will not be done till next spring or later due to contracts this year coming in higher than expected. Greenan proposed to go out to bid again next year.

Holding Tank

Motion by Crockett seconded Dyar to approve the holding tank application for the Restaurant in the village district of Mt Vernon.

Motion passed: unanimous

Belgrade Rd Culvert, MDOT update

Dyar spoke about the Belgrade Rd Culvert, and how the state is trying to get involved to replace the culvert so fish can pass through it. The grant match is a 50/50 match. So there will be work over the. This fall the drugging is going to begin work this fall.

Spectrum, Internet and Phones

Wright and Crockett said there is a meeting scheduled for spectrum to come out and upgrade the systems later in the week. Increases in spectrum bill should be expected at around \$160.00.

Other Business

Greg Cauldwell spoke about his letter for a moratorium to the Selectboard, the intent of the letter was to give time for the planning board to research and further prepare for any marijuana applications that may come up. Cauldwell further explained the difficulties in finding some criteria to help understand the law and the ordinances. Crockett acknowledged his concern but questioned if a 180-day moratorium would accomplish anything. The rest of the Selectboard concurred that we would need to work through some of the difficulties. Fuller pointed out that it is not the position of the planning board to find solutions for application but instead suggest options to comply with the planning board. The conclusion was Cauldwell would rescind the letter after the conversation with the Selectboard and continue to work to help understand the Odor Ordinance plan for the town.

Motion to appoint Carl Rogers to the Economic Development Committee by Crockett seconded by Jackson term to expire 6/30/2022.

Motion passed: unanimous.

Crockett asked about the proposed warrant from Wright to instruct Racheal to have a question for a referendum for the November vote. Wright replied that something like this was requested to instruct the clerk to put it up for referendum.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Dyar to sign the warrant for a referendum question

Motion passed: unanimous

Dyar proposed to have a special town hall meeting for the September 30th Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard proposed that a warrant article for the TIF district and more money for the Town Hall Roof.

5. Adjournment: 8:09pm