

Town of Mount Vernon  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
**September 17, 2018**

The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2018

**Present:** Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Trish Jackson, Ron Lockwood, Marti Gross, Ray Carrier, Alex Wright, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:0pm Open Regular Select Board Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

7:00pm **Open TV Broadcast.**

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Jackson motioned to approve minutes of the 9/3/18 meeting. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:01pm **North Taylor Road discussion.** Crockett stated he reached out to Jeff Kent and Kent had previously done some maintenance on the road. Crockett spoke with Lee and MMA. Ray Carrier suggested to the Board about posting a road when it is discontinued by the Town would make it clearer to citizens. A public easement does remain on North Taylor Rd. Lee agree to improve the part of the road that had been previously improved. There was discussion regarding whether the town will plow the road or not. There was also a discussion regarding the definition of a statutory discontinuance of a road versus a road that is officially closed. Dunn stated he spoke with the previous road commissioner, Jeff Kent, and Kent stated he did maintain the road up to Carrier's road. Dunn added that Kent stated the road was in good shape until the road was used for logging. Dunn will improve the road so it is more easily passable and there will be a turn around for the plow truck. Dunn stated that due to the telephone poles being so close together he cannot plow through there. The Town will close the road to winter maintenance as it normally is and will be careful not to create a berm across Carrier's ingress. Carrier is concerned about a fire truck and ambulance not being able to reach his house. Jackson suggested a Board member discuss regulations surrounding discontinued roads in the Select Board letter in the newsletter. Crockett asked if there are other roads that the town may have a similar issue with. The Board had a discussion about whether the telephone pole company would have to legally have to move the pole if it is in a town right of way.

Dunn is currently working on Ithiel Gordon Rd. Dunn is still working with FEMA so the town can be reimbursed. Crockett asked about the Fogg Rd. Dunn stated some FEMA money will also be going towards that. There is still more paving to do before the end of the year. There have been setbacks in obtaining the pavement.

Crockett asked if the other half was done on the Bean Rd. Dunn stated that is the only one left to do for the season.

7:34pm **Beach- boat launch repair.** Dyar is currently obtaining a cost proposal for the gravel. Horne's construction will be doing the work. The town received a permit to remove the water hyacinth near the water. The bricks are also going to be replaced.

7:38 **LUO fee schedule.** The Board received a report from the code enforcement officer in August. Marble recommended some changes be made. The Board will take a look at the fee schedule. Crockett will ask Marble to take the fee schedule and type up his recommendations. There may also be a change from a permit to an application based schedule.

7:45pm **Vote on General Assistance ordinance for annual State updates.** Dyar motioned to approve the General Assistance Ordinance. The state makes changes every year which the town must adopt. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:50pm **Other business.**

-Dyar motioned Crockett sign the CMP pole location permit. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

-30 Mile River Watershed association thanking the town for the donation of \$2500.

-State of Maine is upgrading their dispatch system and it will no longer be compatible with the county as of June 30, 2019. There was a discussion about whether this applies to the town. Crockett will look into this.

-To apply to be an age friendly town AARP needs to receive a letter from the town government. Jackson will draft a letter for the Board to review

-There is a vacancy on the School Board. The Select Board is looking for someone to fill the seat as soon as possible.

-Wright stated the school board is meeting Wednesday, September 19th in Mount Vernon. The bond for construction will also be discussed. Wright stated he would like to see the Board there. Wright suggested the Select Board draft a letter to let the RSU know that November would be much better for a vote than the January date being suggested by the school. Jackson drafted a letter to send. Crockett motioned to send letter out tonight. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. Wright mentioned that Winthrop is considering consolidation.

-Dyar updated the Board on where they stand regarding solar power. Dyar stated he would like to enter into a conversation between the school and the town considering solar power. Dyar also asked when the school is going out to bid for oil and possibly the town could also join in the bids.

8:02pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Crockett seconded. 3-0 in favor.