

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2017

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Patricia Jackson, Marti Gross, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, Barbara Skapa, Amanda Couture

6:30pm **Signed Warrant.**

7:00pm Open Regular Selectmen's Meeting- Crockett called meeting to order.

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

7:01pm **Approved minutes.** Jackson motioned to approve minutes of the 09/04/17 meeting. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:10pm **Review and adopt the FY2018 General Assistance ordinance updates.** The State of Maine sets the minimums for specific items. Dyar motioned to adopt the General Assistance updates. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:08pm **Review open committee seats and vote members in as needed.**

Crockett motioned to appoint Sherene Gilman to the Budget Committee. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-1 in favor.

There is an opening on the Athletic Committee that needs to be filled ASAP. There are also openings on the Events and the Beach Committees.

7:18pm **Preliminary discussion about ordinance work for 2018.** There was a discussion about a Food Sovereignty and a Water Extraction Ordinance. Skapa attended the meeting to discuss the Food Sovereignty Bill that passed in the Legislature. Skapa would like the Board to put the Food Sovereignty issue on the warrant. Skapa stated the Bill would allow people who have agricultural items to sell them within the confines of the town directly to consumers free from state licenses or regulations. The Board will forward this information to the Ordinance Review Committee.

The Board discussed a Water Extraction Ordinance to protect the quality and quantity of the water in Town. Jackson stated there are other towns that have passed Water Extraction Ordinances to regulate how much water is extracted from the town to make sure it is not negatively affecting the town. Dyar asked about logistics on what is allowed to be removed for above ground bodies of water. Dyar suggested asking for Susan Herman to come into the next meeting to discuss this.

7:26pm **Comprehensive plan update.** Jackson stated they have a good group of people working on this, including Susan Herman, Brad Jackson, Trish Jackson, Paul Crockett, Lucas Rumler, George Smith, and David Fuller. To get input on this topic the Board plans to send out a questionnaire. The Board discussed the logistics of this.

7:35pm **Other Business.**

-Dyar stated Dunn was planning to do striping on Seavey Corner Rd.

-Grenier has an assistant cleaning stones for him who Grenier stated is doing a wonderful job. There are several monuments at Bean Rd. cemetery that are 20' long and are tipping. Grenier spoke with an expert about getting the stones leveled again and he is working on that.

-There was money raised for a trailer for storage of hay bales. Dyar found one at Larry Dipietro's that could be used. The Board will look at the budget to see if it can be purchased.

-Dyar updated the Board on the boat launch project. There was discussion about coming up with the match money for the project. There is enough in the match account to cover the work for phase one. The gravel and boat launch will be done this this year, but the paving of the parking area will not be done until next year. Dyar estimated the paving will cost approximately \$3,000. The Tuesday morning breakfast group has donated \$1,000. Dyar asked Marti about money in the budget to purchase a trailer to keep at the transfer station for Dunn to store hay.

-Personal property tax long form module. Crockett asked if the Town should purchase that. Dyar stated that the Board should ask Rob if it is needed. Dyar will check Rob.

-Crockett motioned for Dyar to spend up to \$2,500 to purchase a storage trailer. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

7:54pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Jackson seconded, Vote 3-0 in favor.