



Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 09-02-2019

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Karry Casey, Ben Loughin, Andy Dube, and David Fuller

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order:
3. 6:59pm
4. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
5. 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 talked about the situation that happened this past year. Dyar mentioned Knowles lumber and or China. Ben talked about the conversation he had with Hammond, including how to simplify and reduce the cost. Ben proposes to do the new built with pressure-treated vs synthetic to reduce costs. Ben also said he would do the whole roof in asphalt, and put another layer for the roof. Crockett mentioned that he can dump the materials at the dump. Crockett also mentioned he is not a fan of building on top of the old roof. Crockett mentioned if they skipped the back roof to save costs. Dyar mentioned he would not be opposed to having a special town meeting to raise additional funds. Dyar also mentioned the missing soffits, Ben

mentioned they could be replaced. Crockett mentioned he is in favor of spending all \$31,000. Crockett asked Ben and Andy to look again at prices and ways to cut costs. Ben said he will talk to LaPoint again.

Motion to spend up to \$31,000 for the Town Hall capital improvements seconded by Dyar.

Motion passed: unanimous

Ben will write up a new proposal for the selectman to sign.

Starr Lane Abatement

Kerry talked spoke to the Selectman that the new owners of this property accept the condition they pay one year's taxes on the property.

Motion by Dyar to accept to abate all but one year's taxes for the property seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous

Treasurer, Insurance, and Payroll

Casey presented to the Selectboard a payroll service for the Town of Mt Vernon to use. Casey broke down the quotes she got from Peachtree, Trio, Payroll Management, and, Paychex. Casey presented the operation of using Payroll Management. The benefits of having a payroll service to mitigate liability incurred from the IRS. The Selectboard gave consent about moving forward with payroll services using Payroll Management.

Assessor, Abatements, and Supplementals

Motion by Dyar to accept the abatements and supplements as recommended by the assessor seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous

Transfer Station Sign

Jackson proposed having a chalkboard for the transfer station to list information about upcoming events. Jackson envisions having town announcements cost around \$50.00. Crockett mentioned he will add it to the town debit card and Jackson will send him the link to Amazon.

Other Business

During warrant articles session the selectman and the treasurer discussed were to allocate money to western Kennebec Lakes community broadband from the warrants. The Selectboard agreed that grant match warrant article intent was for the Broadband Committee.

Bill Brown, talked to the selectman about a potential restaurant in the downtown store to change it to an 80 seat restaurant. Brown stated he Mt Vernon Code enforcer and the owners are going to have a meeting with the state. The project, they are thinking of installing 2-2,00 tanks or 1-4,000-gallon tank for the site. Brown is requesting a letter from the selectman to support this project to come to fruition.

Motion by Dyar seconded by Crockett to give Bill Brown a letter in support of the downtown restaurant.

Motion passed: unanimous

Economic development committee, Dyar spoke about the TIF district and the devices that are involved including the processes to get this moving and approved by the town. Dyar showed the Selectmen potential sites in town for a pump station. Also setting up public hearings and have it approved at a town hall meeting. Next steps about raising money, they will need to appropriate \$12,000 out of the undesignated fund through a special town meeting. Kerry Casey raised concerns about having a special town meeting instead postponing till the annual town meeting. David Fuller mentioned there is grant money for the project that could be contributed to the \$12,000.

Spectrum, Crockett spoke about having problems with the phones and internet, Wright spoke to spectrum and had an agent come to the town hall to upgrade the modem and the agent mentioned that our current internet package was out of date and grandfathered since ten years+. Crockett will have to contact the department of government affairs about our broadcasting. Crockett needs a signature to move forward with spectrum. Projected costs are \$ 269.80.

Motion by crocket seconded by Jackson to approve e-sign for approval upgrading internet and phones.

Motion passed: unanimous

Appointment of Bill Brown to the economic Development Committee expiring June 30th 2023.

Motion by Crockett to adjourn seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

6. Adjournment: 8:08pm