



Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 09-28th-2020

Members Present: Mac Hardy(Chair), Paul Crockett, Sherene Gilman

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey

Signed Warrant.

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
3. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 09/14/2020

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman

Motion passed: unanimous

Paul Crockett, Zoom

Presented to the Selectboard the new device for zoom to record the Selectboard meetings and save it to the cloud. This could be accessed and presented to the public through the website and social media means. Gilman mentioned the idea that other committees could use the zoom device and make the committees more accessible to the public and committee members.

Website, Alex Wright

Wright presented to the Selectboard a preliminary website to replace the Town of Mt Vernon's current website. Wright's preliminary website uses the software: Wix, remarking that it is user friendly and is easily changeable by town staff. The Selectboard agreed to move forward with changing the website contingent on Nate Savage's recommendation.

Goals Discussion

Hardy asked the question of what the overall goal is by the Comprehensive Plan. Considering we are a very small town and bedrock town in terms of development. Gilman mentioned her idea of the comprehensive plan is to be administered by the departments and committees and let them implement it. Hardy makes the point, using the Aging in Place committee as an example, to illustrate the heavy dependency on volunteers, where there would be a cost if there were no volunteers to provide those services. Hardy emphasized specific goals that we need to achieve and are measurable and timeline. The Selectboard went over some of the department's goals, specifically the Community Center and some of the plans that might not be advisable long term due to flooding. Hardy asked the Selectboard to have a long-range, medium-range, and short-range to achieve. Gilman asked about some of the groups and the implementation of some of their goals should be their responsibility. Casey mentioned there is a bigger picture and the purpose of the comprehensive plan is to set the overall appeal and meaning of the town. Hardy requests the Selectboard to come to the next meeting, with some goals.

Other Business

- a. Vote in support of new office hours for the rest of the year, to be reviewed by years end.
Motion by Crockett seconded Gilman, support town Clerks to be open the first Saturday of each month from 9-12
Motion passed: unanimous
- b. Vote on Bid and Procurement Policy
Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve 09-28-2020 Bid and Procurement Policy
Motion passed: unanimous
- c. Recognition for Nancy Hemphill work on the Town of Mt Vernon Welcome Signs
The Selectboard wants to thank for Nancy Hemphill work on the Mount Vernon Welcome Signs.
- d. MDOT meeting on October 5th at the community center concerning the closing of Blake Hill bridge.

Information will be sent out for the meeting and proper posting.

- e. Clyde Dyar

Dyar mentioned a grant program for the matching grant program currently there is \$12,000 in the grant budget. A quote from Scott Horne to work on the Minnihonk lake dredging and will need \$10,000 for the project. Dyar also recommends there be public facilities for changing and bathrooms for the Minnihonk Beach. Crockett asked Casey if we could overdraft the account, Dyar mentioned we will need to only match a part of the grant. Casey replied no, unless a special town meeting. Gilman asked if there are other accounts we could use. Casey mentioned we could use contingency, noting she

wouldn't find that appropriate. Gilman takes from grant account and if there are other grants we would take from contingency. Dyar mentioned the money from the CPC and the Minnihonk Lake Association that accumulated to 2,000 dollars. Dyar mentioned he will transfer the \$2,000 money to the town, Selectboard may need to accept the money as a gift. Casey reiterated that we are not to be expending funds that are not approved at the annual town meeting unless we have a special town meeting to move the funds. Look at the difference between the contingency fund and the undesignated fund. The Selectboard decided to use the matching grant money account for the Minnihonk dredging.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve \$8,000 from grant matching for the dredging of Minnihonk beach.

Motion passed: unanimous

f. All-State Asphalt,

Wright presented a quote from the Road Commissioner. Gilman raised the concern that cost would prevent costs in the spring roads. The Selectboard asked Casey to meet with Lee Dunn to review the budget for the next spring budget.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve the All-State Asphalt quote of \$123,050.10

Motion passed: unanimous

g. Gilman mentioned her question about the delineators, Wright responded that he has not heard from MDOT yet, will reach out again.

4. Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Motion to adjourn by Gilman seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous