



Town of Mt. Vernon, Maine

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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 09-30-2019

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Ron Lockwood, Mark Gilbert, Kerry Casey, Ben Loughlin, Katie Farrin, Sherene Gilman, and David Fuller

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

Special Town Hall Meeting

Article 1, David Sanders was voted to be the moderator.

Article 2, \$10,000 for Town Roof, passed

Article 3, \$12,000 for TIF district, failed

Article 4, \$2,000 for Administrative Assistant, passed

Article 5, to adjourn

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 09/16/19

Motion to accept by Crockett seconded by Dyar

Motion passed: unanimous

Public Hearing, General Assistance Ordinance

8:13 pm opening the public hearing for the General Assistance Ordinance, Crockett reiterates the Maine Municipal Association organizes and gives a template for the municipalities to utilize.

8:15 pm Hearing no comments Crockett closes the Public hearing.

Motion to approve the new General Assistance Ordinances 2019 by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

Town Hall Roof, discussion

Ben Laughlin discussed the option of having metal instead of asphalt. Laughlin agreed he would like to move forward with metal. Mentioning that the price quoted for the roof by Andy Dube was for standing stream metal roofing, top of the line. Dyar mentioned using 4" inch screws instead of 2". Crockett asked Laughlin how soon can he start work? Laughlin mentioned that with the change in the proposal he will reach out to Crockett with a new contract. Laughlin stated he wanted this to be an open and fair process. The Selectboard acknowledges this but understands that the bidding process was done the right way and will wait to hear from Laughlin with the new proposal.

Motion to have the chairman approve the price, time schedule and sign the contract when proposed.

Motion accepted: unanimous.

Sherene Gilman, Budget Committee

Gilman asked to talk about the budget and the progress this year. Gilman asked the Selectman a couple of questions about the current status of the budget and some of the ongoing projects that were discussed at the last budget session. Her first question was if it would be okay to continue to have a small budget committee and what service does the budget committee serves the Selectboard. The Selectboard agreed to a small group and Crockett mentioned that the budget process involves just moving the numbers forward from last year with adjustments; he encourages that we keep the membership small to work effectively. It was suggested by Crockett we advertise to the public for input for the coming years budget. Katie Farrin mentioned it would also be prudent to let the public know these meetings are public and there be a section on the budget committee's agenda for public comments.

Other Business

Gilman talked about a grant the town received for a Tool Library. Her questions were focused around the location and what tools should be in the Tool Shed. Gilman

suggests using the Transfer Station shed for its access to the public. Also making some improvements to the building. Gilman mentioned having a volunteer during posted hours to monitor the Tool Shed. Crockett suggests using the basement of the Town Hall since it is heated and there will always be people during most of the day Crockett put out there having the Administrative Assistant manage the Tool Shed. Gilman acknowledged it could be a possibility.

Casey mentioned the disrepair of the ramp entering Town Hall, Loughlin said he could put a cinderblock underneath to lift the ramp to make the ramp flush.

Dyar mentioned they will be dredging this year on Minnehonk Lake.

Wright mentioned a letter from a concerned resident about tall grass near the Castle Island Rd blocking the line of sight. Crockett said this is a state issue cutting the grass since it's a state rd.

Motion to adjourn by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

5. Adjournment: 8:35pm