

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2018

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2018

Present: Paul Crockett, Clyde Dyar, Trish Jackson, Rick Tompkins, Ron Lockwood, Carole O'Connell, Mark Gilbert, Tina Cagel, Alex Wright, Ande Dube, John Karabin, 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 6/25/18 meeting. Dyar seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor. 7:02pm

7:01pm **Citizen question about plowing.**

A citizen is building a house off Cottle Hill road a little ways after the winter maintenance on the road ends. Lee did not think the mechanics of it would be a problem as long as the driveway is wide enough. The Board will still need to discuss the budgetary effects surrounding it. Dyar stated he has concern about setting a precedence for individuals moving into roads closed to winter plowing. Dunn stated FEMA may be willing to cover costs to add gravel on the road since they initially repaired it after a storm. Dyar suggested tabling the issue until the next meeting to have time to talk with Dunn. Technically a Special Town meeting would have to be held because the snow plow budget is already set. Dyar motioned to table until next meeting. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Ande Dube brought a first draft to the Select Board of the Town maps.

7:14pm **Discuss town hearse – RE: Vienna (-Mount Vernon) Historical Society.** There was discussion about having the hearse at the historical society and they have other historical info of the time period to add to it as a display. There was also discussion about changing the name from the Mount Vernon Historical Society to the Mount Vernon and Vienna Historical Society. Crockett agreed this is a great idea to loan it since it is currently sitting in the basement of the town hall. The historical society will continue to discuss this and the town will look into raising money for help to defray the costs of the maintenance of the hearse. O'Connell stated at this point the historical society does have some funds but it would not hurt to be able to raise money. O'Connell stated another discussion would be needed regarding the agreement with the Town, and the historical society does have insurance.

Transfer Station-cutting costs. The charge would be \$66/ton which is approximately what is paid for trash. They would also give the town 2-4 wheeled carts for aluminum, glass and plastics and they would pick those up for \$150/trip. There was discussion about making the existing compactor into a paper only dumpster. The Select Board and O'Connell stated there is still discussion to have about this but there has been some dialogue started. There was further discussion about how to handle the recycling issue. The town will currently maintain operating it how it is and quickly figure out some more cost valuable options. Crockett will pull together the committee to keep everyone in the loop.

7:30 **Select Board TODO's for 2019.**

Crockett stated the Select Board should conduct a salary survey regarding a few of the positions in Town. There was discussion about the legal complexity of salary surveys. Crockett also added all of the job descriptions should be rewritten for each description.

Dyar stated the Select Board members need to each pick out a project for the year that will help the town and push it along down the highway to fruition. Jackson suggested improving the website that give more options of what citizens can do on the website.

7:45pm **Other Business.**

Dyar motioned to submit Tina Cagel to the Budget Committee. Crockett seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Dyar motioned to elect Crockett as Chair of the Select Board. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Crockett motioned to have Dyar continue as General Assistance officer as the town. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor

Discussion about the gentleman who would like to cut in the Route 41 guardrail so he can get to his property. Dyar is also going to speak with DOT about filling into ditch and a speed sign that is missing.

Swimming lessons start on July 9th and can get registration at town office, on website, or at the library.

The Board has not heard back from the new director appointed to the Athletic Committee. The Board is looking for anyone who would step in so that fall sports can occur. The Board voted in a \$1,000 stipend for the Athletic Committee Director. There will be \$500 paid out for the spring sports and \$500 paid out for \$500.

New town clerk hours. As of July 1st the new clerk hours will be Mondays 7am-6pm, Tuesday 7am 3pm, Wednesday 7am 12pm and 7am -3p on Thursday closed Friday the fourth Friday on June, July and August.

O'Connell has had many compliments on Transfer station and wants to thank the Select Board for hiring such a great crew. The Board thanked Carole for running it so well.

No dogs at the beach. There was discussion about another sign at the Beach making a difference.

7:49pm **Adjourn.** Dyar motioned to adjourn. Jackson seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.