



Hello, September!



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September 2023 Edition

TOWN OFFICE STAFF

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Mon 8am-5pm

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*Select Board Meetings are held every other
Monday at the Town Hall Office @ 1997 North
Road*

Warrant @ 6:30 pm

Regular Town Business @ 7:00pm



TOWN DEPARTMENT STAFF

Animal Control Officer

Eric Johnson 207-931-7684

dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals
only.

Cemetery Sexton

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Tuesdays 8am-4pm

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(non-emergencies)

General Assistance

Anna Libby @ 207-951-2385

anna@mtvernonme.org

Health Officer

Rachel Criswell, MD

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(non-emergencies)

Road Commissioner

Lee Dunn @ 207-242-5828

Tax Assessor

Roger Peppard @ 207-293-1105

3rd Thursday of each month

Call Town Office for Appointment

assessor@mtvernonme.org

Transfer Station

Megan Goucher @ 207-213-3523

Sat & Sun 8:30 am – Noon

*June thru September 30th open on Wednesdays
from 3-6pm*

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library

207-293-2565

Website: drshawlibrary.org

Email: librarian@drshawlibrary.org

Mon 3pm-6pm,

Wed 9am-12pm & 3pm-7pm

Sat 10am-3pm

Masks appreciated.

Curbside always available.

Call or email us in advance.

Mt. Vernon Post Office Hours Retail Window

Mon-Fri 7am-10am, 11am-2pm

Sat 9am-11am

Newsletter

**All articles to be submitted by 25th of each
month to:**

newsletter@mtvernonme.org

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3UCAtx3K5rgMCNAcBCqnLQ/live>

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83230781434?pwd=dHBSMklmSlQrdzZoUDJrYjVTTGgyUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 1384 6766

Passcode: SBmeeting



Select Board Corner

Hello to our friends and neighbors,

The summer certainly flies by here in Mt. Vernon! Though we'll certainly see some warm days ahead, there is a chill in the evening air and students are returning to school. Please remember to stop for school buses and to drive slowly in the school zones. We hope all our students and their families have a great school year ahead of them!

The cooler temperatures are also reminding us about the winter heating season coming up. Bob has been exploring different companies to get us a competitive price for propane at the various town buildings. Remember to get your chimneys cleaned and everything in order for your own winter heating season!

We are also looking into various grants that may benefit the town. If you have experience with grant writing and are interested in volunteering, please do let us know. We would be glad to connect with you about opportunities as they arise.

This month is also when the first part of yearly property taxes are due - this year the date is September 29th.

Also coming up, you might notice some continued work on the Community Center building. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for their continued efforts in caring for the building!

We will also be continuing some work on efforts related to LD 2003. You might remember that the Ordinance Review Committee did a huge amount of work on this project last year (thank you to that committee) but that the State gave a one-year extension. We will use that time to review the work completed with KVCOG (and other legal advice if needed).

Hope you're all still getting plenty of time to enjoy this beautiful time of year!

Wishing you the best,
Anna and the Selectboard

Vienna Arts

We've just finished a very successful weekend with the Vienna Woods Players performing Noël Coward's, "Blithe Spirit."

If you're looking for a great way to wrap up your summer season, we have two wonderful offerings to share with you. I've been playing around trying to find ways to be creative as I recover from my role in "Blithe Spirit" and decided to share the upcoming events in a brochure style (see attachment).

The Porch Party Mamas - Friday August 25th, 7 PM
(<https://www.porchpartymamas.com>)

Inspired by playing and singing each other's songs at their own "porch parties", these established Boston area musicians and singer/songwriters decided to combine their individual talents and create their own brand of Urban Folk, Country, and Blues. They took their act on the road and "Porch Party Mamas" were born. All are seasoned players, each with their own pervasive individual music persona and critical accolades. Between them, they have shared the stage with a distinguished litany of artists, including Willie Nelson, the Indigo Girls and Lyle Lovett.

The Porch Party Mamas are: Felicia Brady-Lopez (vocals, accordion, piano, guitar, bass), Jane Grondin (vocals, fiddle, guitar), Ksenia Mack (vocals, guitar, banjo) and Katrin Peterson (vocals, percussion, piano).

The following evening, we present Bearnstow on Parker Pond and an evening of dance.

(<https://www.bearnstow.org>)



We are very grateful for all the support our communities have shown us by attending one of our many live performances. Many patrons have commented on the special nature of the Vienna Union Hall - both the physical property and the warm welcome they receive upon arrival. This is made possible by a small but hard-working cadre of volunteers - and your generous support. We hope you will be able to join us at our upcoming events. Thank You!

End of Season Performance!

August 26, 2023 7pm
Vienna Union Hall, 5 Vienna
Mountain Rd. Vienna, Me.

An evening of dance and
interdisciplinary performance
created by the 2023 Bearnstow
Artist interns: Ari Lamora,
Hannah Kraenbring Janis
Casillas-Estrada, Samara Ternior,
and Sonya Marx



accordion, piano,

Vienna Woods Players

~ Blihe Spirit ~

Noël Coward



**VIENNA
WOODS**
PLAYERS

VIENNA UNION HALL AUGUST, 2023



Porch Party Mamas

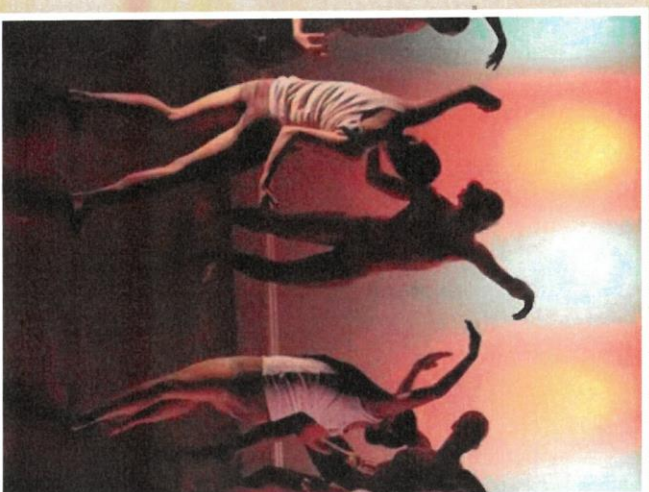
Friday, August 25. 7:00 PM

The Porch Party Mamas are an engaging and magnetic Boston-area band of four female musicians who've developed a fun and moving unique blend of folk, country, Celtic, and blues repertoire. They play beautiful arrangements of lovely and whimsical songs featuring dynamic lead vocals and lush harmonies backed by virtuosic guitar, fiddle, accordion, piano, percussion, banjo, and bass playing.

VIENNA UNION HALL

viennaunionhall.org/arts-and-events. Tickets \$20

FMI: Tim Davis, viennaunionhall@gmail.com



Bearstow On Parker Pond

Bearstow Young Artist

Interns

Saturday, August 26th, 7 PM

[viennaunionhall.org/arts-and-](http://viennaunionhall.org/arts-and-events)

[events](http://viennaunionhall.org/arts-and-events)

Tickets \$15

FMI: Tim Davis,

viennaunionhall@gmail.com





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Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop.

MULTI-LANE PAVED ACROSS:
Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop.

DIVIDED HIGHWAY:
[Unpaved space (Min. 5ft.) OR any raised median or physical barrier.]
Vehicles behind bus **MUST** stop.
Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction proceed with caution.



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1. SIT IN ASSIGNED SEAT
2. USE INSIDE VOICE
3. HANDS & FEET TO SELF
4. RESPECT QUIET SIGNAL
5. SAVE SNACKS FOR LATER



Come enjoy breakfast with us
at the

Community Café

Mount Vernon

Community Center

Saturday, September 2nd, 9-11am

Donations welcome



Readfield United Methodist Church

1564 Main St. Readfield, ME

Phone number: 207-685-4211

Email: office@readfieldchurch.net Website: readfieldchurch.org

Come worship with us every Sunday 10:00 a.m.

The church is handicap accessible

September 2023

Good luck to all new and returning students.

The Church Picnic is scheduled for September 9th.

The Church will receive a check for a Grant during the Sunday Service on September 17th

Mechuwana: Join the Celebration 75 years in Ministry

WHEN

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

[Add to my calendar](#)

WHERE

Mechuwana Lane
Winthrop, 04364

Phone

2073772924

Email

campmechuwana@gmail.com

Contact

Norm Thombs

I hope you are having a great start to summer! The summer is going quickly, with us just completing week three of our summer season. While I don't want to wish the summer away, all of us here are looking forward to celebrating **75 years of Mechuwana's ministry** and the people who have made it possible on Sunday, September 10th. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

You are invited to come to Mechuwana any time after 12 noon on September 10th, with a worship service (and freewill offering) outside the Commons starting at 2:30 p.m., followed by an early supper so that everyone can get home before it gets too late.

If you plan to attend, would you please RSVP for planning purposes to campmechuwana@gmail.com

Thank you!

See you in September,

Norman Thombs, Camp Director



Our next kindness food box giveaway is scheduled for July 15th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Jesse Lee church. Anyone is welcomed to come get a box of non-perishable food. You just pull up in the parking lot and we put a kindness box in your vehicle. No questions asked. If you would like to help us with filling these boxes there is a list of items, we suggest on our website or you can call or email the office and we will get the list to you. For more information visit our website or call the office.

207-685-4211



Lillian "Betty" Elizabeth White

Mar. 24, 1931 ~ Aug. 08, 2023

AUGUSTA- Lillian "Betty" Elizabeth White passed away peacefully at Glenridge Long Term Care facility on August 8, 2023. She was born to the late John and Lillian (Dawbin) Webber on March 24, 1931. She was their first child and only daughter.

Betty attended Mt. Vernon schools, Kents Hill, and later graduated from Farmington High school class of 1949. During this time, she helped neighbors with whatever their needs were.

She married Clarence A. White in 1949, and they had their first and only child, JoAnn (White) Huwe.

After high school, Betty worked at Bachelder Camps and Store in Mt. Vernon and Elizabeth Arden Estates. Maine Chance Spa in Rome, ME was her summer employment for a few years as well.

Her family moved to Caribou, ME in 1968 for a few years where Betty worked at Loring A.F.B, Limestone, Base Exchange. Upon their return to Mt.Vernon, she returned to working at State of Maine Game, Fish, and Wildlife until her retirement.

Betty was very instrumental in the forming of the First Baptist Church food bank in Mt.Vernon, which is still serving families now after 30 years. During the many years of serving her community and those residents in their times of need, Betty received the spirit of America Foundation Award. These awards were presented to her in 2007, 2011, and 2015. She was the treasurer of the First Baptist Church as well as the Snowmobile Club, which she handled for 27 years. It brought her great joy to be able to help all those in need.

Betty deeply enjoyed the time spent with her family and a host of friends. Later, she spent 6 years at Howell House in Augusta, attracting a whole new host of friends to "help."

In addition to her parents, Betty is predeceased by her brothers, Francis T. Hayes of Syracuse, NY, and Harold A. Webber of Readfield, ME. Sisters-in-law, Helen (Francis) Hayes and Patricia (Ray) Webber.

Betty is survived by her loving daughter JoAnn Huwe and husband Deland of Greensboro, NC. Her grandson Michael (Melissa) Huwe of Columbus, GA, and great grandchildren, Bohden, Lillian (Lilly), and Audrey. Her granddaughter Amy (Michael) McCollett of Augusta and great grandchildren, Helaina and Iain. Brothers, Raymond Webber of Augusta and Walter (Marion) Webber of Rome, NY and sister-in-law, Marlene (Harold) Webber. As well as many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Betty's visitation will be held on Friday September 15 from 10-11AM with a memorial service beginning at 11AM at the First Baptist Church, 321 Pond Road in Mt.Vernon. A graveside service will follow immediately after at the Stevens Cemetery on the North Road in Mt.Vernon. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betty's name to Mt.Vernon Food Bank or First Baptist Church both at 321 Pond Rd, Mt Vernon, ME 04352

Arrangements are in the care of Knowlton & Hewins Funeral Home and Cremation Care, One Church St., Augusta, where memories, condolences and photos may be shared with the family on the obituary page of our website at www.khfuneralhomes.com

Welcome to Muffin Mornings



The Aging in Place Committee welcomes our older residents to kick start your week by coming to our

Monday Muffin Mornings in September!

starting on the 11th. Meet at the Mt. Vernon Community Center at 9 a.m. to enjoy great muffins from Scapes, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice along with conversation.



In addition to socializing with neighbors, our Outreach Coordinator, Kelly O'Neil will be soliciting your input into how Aging in Place can help you remain healthy at home. You can help develop a great plan which we hope will allow seniors to live our best lives while staying in the community you love.

While the focus of these Muffin Mornings is on our older residents (which includes almost everyone on the Aging in Place Committee), we also invite caregivers to participate. Caregivers may have a different perspective on what assistance may be needed by those they care for and this input will also be very valuable.



Dr. Shaw Memorial Library

September 2023

293-2565
librarian@drshawlibrary.org

“The Commonwealth requires the education of the people as the safeguard of order and liberty.”
Boston Public Library

Winter hours: We will be back to our usual hours as of September 1st – Mondays 3-6, Wednesdays 9-12 and 3-7, and Saturdays 10-3.

The **StoryWalk@** will remain at the Ezra Smith Wildlife Conservation Area trails through October. Come take a nice stroll together with family or friends and enjoy reading the children’s book Alice chose for this year, Share, Big Bear, Share.

Drop-In Tech Help (Wednesdays 9AM - Noon) has been busy, and our community members are appreciative of this service. We are thankful to the Broadband Committee and to Remi French for coordinating this with us! This pilot project pursues a mission to expand digital literacy within our community, and offers vital tech assistance in collaboration with the National Digital Equity Center (NDEC, based in Wiscasset), for working with many devices from smartphones to computers. Remi has been gathering data on the types of requests for help, and we plan to offer NDEC classes in the near future to assist in-person attendees. We have been approved with GiveIT GetIT, a non-profit group in Waterville dedicated to affordable technology solutions. Through these connections we hope to help our clients overcome financial barriers to tech hardware. Our goal is to aid the community by going beyond immediate needs and creating lasting pathways for progress and education. After only 11 weeks of the drop-in Tech Help sessions, we have had strong attendance. From early June through August 16, we have had 43 people come in to work with Remi on questions about use of their devices, internet basics, printer set up, finding the right device for their needs, and other topics. This has truly been a wonderful service, and we are grateful to Remi, to NDEC, and to all the support the local Broadband Committee has offered. **Please let us know if the Wednesday morning hours don’t work for you, and we can try to schedule an appointment!**

Events email: If you haven’t signed up to receive the (mostly) weekly email about local community events, please contact us! You can email us at **librarian@drshawlibrary.org** and ask to be put on the email list. In the subject line, it is helpful if you can write something like: “add me to the Events email list”, or just “Events email list”. If you have a local community event you would like to advertise, please write a brief description of it and send it to us, with a subject line that includes the word “Events”, or “Event at Vienna Union Hall” or something similar. We don’t write the event descriptions ourselves, we will simply cut and paste your words into the email. People are telling us this is a good service, especially since everyone isn’t on Facebook and able to see the Vienna/Mt. Vernon page there. Sign up and stay current with happenings around our local towns!

This summer we have had a small display of **“Staff Picks”** in the main room – books (or DVDs) any of us have very much enjoyed over the years, and which we’d like to suggest to our patrons. Between the Staff Picks and our usual sticky notes that we often put on new books, we hope to help our readers find interesting, fun, inspiring, or helpful reads. We never know what we’ll pull off the shelves and lay on the table, to remind our readers of some great books – juvenile literature, interesting nonfiction, general fiction, mysteries. These have been some of our favorites that we hope might engage you. Take a look and grab a book, and maybe get introduced to an author you’ve never tried!

We will still be able to hand out passes to the Boothbay **Botanical Gardens** through the month of September. Let us know if you would like us to get tickets for you – including what day, and time of day, you would like to attend. We can print the tickets for you to grab at the library or email them to you.

Maybe your household loves science and enjoys the Maine environment. A good way to engage in these interests is to look into citizen science projects. You can go to the Maine Inland Fishers & Wildlife website and look through various identification projects (birds, amphibians, bumble bees, rabbits, butterflies, dragonflies) or learn how to submit data online regarding your observations and studies. Great for homeschooling families and any inquisitive citizen! <https://ifw.citizenscience.maine.gov/>

I recently finished Sebastian Barry’s new novel, Old God’s Time. Gotta love those Irish writers. What are you reading as the maples slowly soften their color and the apples ripen in the orchard?

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Minutes

06/19/2023

Members Present: Bob Grenier, Carl Rogers, Anna Libby

Members Absent:

Member of the Public: Tina Cagle - Administrative Assistant, Kerry Casey – Treasurer, Jane Rogers, Ona Fast, Matt Dunn, Bill Rosenberg, Jason Beckler, Vanessa Buuck, Cathy Jacobs, Leslie Marco

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm 06/19/2023.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the meeting minutes from 06/05/2023 as amended.

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0.

Appointments/Resignations

- Tori Codd has submitted their resignation from the Community Center Board.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the resignation of Tori Codd from the Community Center Board.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

North Road Drainage Project

- No word from MDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) on the status of 2113 North Road drainage issue.

Spectrum

- No updates yet.

Community Center

- The Community Center has money in their budget for pest control.
- Still waiting for a final decision from them.

Other Business

- School Board member, Cathy Jacobs resigned from the RSU 38 School Board with a term of 1 year remaining.
 - The Board heard from the candidates on the ballot, that did not win, if they would come and speak with the Board so they can better determine how to proceed with filling the vacancy.
 - The Board will get an estimate for a special election to fill that seat before moving forward.
- Harold Bredesen at the GrowSmart Maine Program has spoken with Selectman Libby and stated that Vienna may be interested in being a partner in the program.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to sign a Letter of Support for the Community Resilience Partnership Service Provider grant.

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0.

- The boiler in the Fire Station needs replacement.
 - Only two (2) bidders submitted bids for the project. AFC & Pinard & Sons.
 - AFC - \$26186 and Pinard - \$39570
 - The boiler needs to be replaced before winter...it will not make it.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the \$26186 bid from Augusta Fuel Company.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

- The moving of the Fire Station Auxiliary Antenna Tower will cost \$19,995 for the electrician.

- If the Board of Library Trustees approves the CPC plan [this is for funding a resource to provide broadband assistance to the community] the Select Board will have already shown their support by voting for it today.

Motion by Selectman Libby to accept funds from the Mount Vernon Community Partnership Corporation (CPC), a 501(c)(3) corporation, in accordance with grant funding it may receive as fiscal agent to support Digital Equity & Inclusion Services (“Services”) provided by or at Dr. Shaw Memorial Library, specifically including: a) payment for additional Library staff hours required in connection with provision of such Services, which hours are not otherwise included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mount Vernon town budget; and b) such other goods and services provided by the Town as the CPC may request.

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0.

- The Athletic fields need to be sprayed for ticks on all the playing fields.
 - Ona Fast will donate 4 bags of organic pest control granules for the fields.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the *Policy Governing Access to Public Records* as written.

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0.

Appointments/Resignations

Motion by Selectman Grenier to appoint Diane Lee to the Aging in Place Committee.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to appoint James Clough to the Road Committee.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

Motion by Selectman Libby to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0

Robert Grenier

Anna Libby

Carl Rogers

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Minutes

07/03/2023

Members Present: Bob Grenier, Carl Rogers, Anna Libby

Members Absent:

Member of the Public: Tina Cagle - Administrative Assistant, Kerry Casey – Treasurer, Leslie Marco, Tom Jacobs, Cathy Jacobs, Ona Fast, Jon Ljunggren, John Harker, Matt Dunn, Cathy Dunn, Debra Parry, Vanessa Buuck, Jasmine Poole, William Poole

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm 07/03/2023.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the meeting minutes from 06/19/2023 as amended.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

School Board Opening

- Selectman Grenier received guidance from Maine Municipal Association regarding appointing a school board member to fill the vacancy from a resignation.
- The Selectboard must appoint someone to fill the position until the next municipal election.
- There was much discussion between members of the public and the selectboard to come to a consensus on voting to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to vote to appoint a new school board member to fill the term left vacant.

No Second, Motion fails.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to table item until next meeting.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

North Road Drainage Project

- No word from MDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) on the status of 2113 North Road drainage issue.

Spectrum

- LD1967 – This references the cable franchise agreements and how they should be done.
- The Selectboard is waiting for the bill to be completed before signing a new contract.
- The current contract isn't up for several years.

Community Center

- The basement restoration is finally complete and looks well done.
- It looks like it is sealed, so Selectman Grenier suggests that the board waits to sign the Modern Pest Control contract to see if anymore vermin get in.

Desert Pond Road Deserted Mobile Home

- There is an abandoned mobile home on Desert Pond Road that the Code Enforcement Officer will be going to check out.

Part-Time Off Pay Policy for Mt. Vernon

- No changes in the formula for PTO

Other Business

- Mr. Carrier from the N. Taylor Road stated that Road Commissioner, Lee Dunn is harassing him and causing him to spend money fixing roads and culverts that he shouldn't have to because Lee is doing things on his property that he shouldn't be doing.
 - The N. Taylor Road is closed at 129 N. Taylor. Mr. Carrier is alleging that Road Commissioner Dunn is plowing the road down onto Mr. Carriers property which is tearing it up and causing damage.
 - The road had been crowned to prevent erosion and flooding and Mr. Carrier states that Road Commissioner Dunn has plowed the crown down and now he has to pay, again to fix it.
- Dunn's Corner Road will not be tarred. Needs too much prep work first.
 - Too much money going to other areas.
 - Sadie Dunn Road will be ditched.
- There is an upcoming grant from DEP for Stream Crossings.
- A Planning Board member brought up the subject of mileage to and from site visits.
 - Treasurer Casey will check with other towns to see what their policy is.
- Will process the commitment next meeting.
- LD2003 – State will give the town \$5000.
 - Already spent \$2400.
 - KVCOG may be able to help the town with reviewing the ordinance.
- The Governance Committee has met with 5 towns and town managers and will compile all the information they have gathered and will present it when complete.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0

Robert Grenier

Anna Libby

Carl Rogers

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Minutes

07/17/2023

Members Present: Bob Grenier, Carl Rogers, Anna Libby

Members Absent:

Member of the Public: Tina Cagle - Administrative Assistant, Kerry Casey – Treasurer, Alan Cavde, Cathy Jacobs, Tom Jacobs, Jon Ljunggren, Alice Counts, Vanessa Buuck, Jasmine Poole, Matthew Dunn, Barry Skilling, John Harker, Debra Parry, Cathy Dunn, William Smith, Dana Dunn, Leslie Marco, Bill Rosenberg, Michael Smith, Jesse Jacobs via Zoom - Mark, Tyler Dunn, Jenny Martinez Nocito

Meeting called to order at: 7:10 pm 07/17/2023.

Motion by Selectman Libby to nominate Bob Grenier for Chairman of the Select Board.

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes: 3-0

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the meeting minutes from 07/03/2023 as amended.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

Alan Caron land in Resource Protection Zone

- Mr. Caron owns a piece of property that the State of Maine has deemed a portion of this property within a Resource Protected Area.
- Mr. Caron does not believe that his property should be in this zone.
- Unfortunately, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must be the ones to make that change.
- The Select Board will ask the Ordinance Review Committee to review this.

North Road Drainage Project

- No word from MDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) on the status of 2113 North Road drainage issue.

School Board Vacancy

- The Select Board will announce the vacancy and ask that any interested persons come to the next meeting on 07/31/2023.
- There will not be a candidate's night.
- Because the vacancy happened after the election, the Selectboard thought this was the best way to appoint a new person to the post.
- There is concern that it is already difficult to get people to volunteer for the school board.

Community Center

- The generator was not on the original permit application submitted to the Planning Board.
- Smoke Detector on the ceiling is too high to check yearly.
- The bell needs to be reinforced, two (2) dehumidifiers should be in the cellar, ceiling needs to be re-supported in the cellar.

Desert Pond Road Deserted Mobile Home

- The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) has sent the homeowner a letter about the abandoned property's condition.

Blake Hill Bridge

- The bridge deck needs patching done.

LP Gas Pricing

- Downeast – \$3.40, Augusta Fuel Company - \$1.90
- The Select Board would like to switch to AFC.

Appointments

Motion by Selectman Grenier to appoint Ona Fast to the Road Committee.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes: 3-0

Michael Smith resigning from the Road Committee.

Other Business

- Rick Forrest is interested in being on the Road Committee.
- No. Taylor Road needs ditching done. Snowplow turn around ok'd by the homeowner.
 - Ditching will only take place up to the point of the discontinuation.
- The cinder blocks on the Belgrade side of the Fire Station need to be replaced.
- Sand/Salt shed needs to be inspected every two (2) years. A new sand/salt shed is approximately \$400,000.
- Residents have been asking for Road Commissioner, Lee Dunn, to fix their dirt roads, but when he does, he only gets complaints that people are speeding.
- The town will be asking for a speed trailer and Road Commissioner, Lee Dunn will train users.
- The beach water was sent in for testing last week. Should be getting the results shortly.
- Commitment – ½ mil to \$19/\$1000.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the presented tax commitment.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes: 3-0

- School Board Vacancy Discussion
 - Leslie Marco stated that her children go to Readfield Elementary due to developmental issues.
 - Vanessa Buuck would like to withdraw her application for school board.
 - Community members are welcome at all school board meetings.
- Matt Dunn reiterated the issue with his property and the septic system that he needs to replace.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm

Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0

Robert Grenier

Anna Libby

Carl Rogers

Town of Mount Vernon
Select Board Minutes

07/23/2023

Members Present: Bob Grenier, Carl Rogers, Anna Libby

Members Absent:

Member of the Public: Kerry Casey – Treasurer, Jane Rogers, Sherene Gilman, Cathy Jacobs, Mary Anne Libby, Tom Jacobs, Jon Waleski, Leslie Marco, Vanessa Buuck, Jenny Martinez Nocito, Nancy LaRue, Jasmine Poole, Frank Martinez Nocito, John Harker, Wendy Stevens, Matthew Dunn, Debra Parry, Ron Tinkham, Bill Smith, Barbara Skapa --via Zoom – Mark, Megan Smith, Tyler Dunn

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm 07/31/2023.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to accept the meeting minutes from 07/17/2023 as amended.

Seconded by Selectman Libby. Motion passes 3-0.

School Board Vacancy

- The Select Board had a pool of five (5) candidates who presented themselves at the meeting and would like to be on the board
- The candidates are Leslie Marco, Vanessa Buuck, Jenny Martinez Nocito, Jon Waleski, Barbara Skapa
- Thank you to all the candidates for showing interest in Mount Vernon and the surrounding areas schools. The Selectboard hopes that even if you are not chosen for the school board position, that you become or stay active to help all our students.

Motion by Selectman Rogers to nominate Leslie Marco for the RSU38 School Board to represent Mount Vernon until the current term expires on 06/30/2024.

Seconded by Selectman Grenier. Motion passes. 3-0.

North Road Drainage Project

- Dave Allen is proposing to clean out the area every two (2) years, which is unacceptable to the homeowner.
- All ditching was done by Maine DOT. The North Road is a state aid road.

No. Taylor Road

- Road Commissioner, Lee Dunn will go and get the ditching done to help with the runoff.

Community Center

- The Planning Board will issue an after the fact permit for the generator that was not listed on the original submission for permit.

Desert Pond Road Deserted Mobile Home

- The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) has sent the homeowner a letter about the abandoned property's condition.

LP Gas Pricing

- Selectman Grenier has not proceeded as yet to sign the contract.

Other Business

- We need volunteers for the Athletic Committee!!
- The ballfields need some TLC.
 - Are there any monies from the carried forward fund that can be used for repairs?
- Panic Buttons for the offices.
- Water was tested and came back at 59 ppm and the max is 235 ppm.
- Mount Vernon is on the list to use the speed trailer.
- Transfer Station needs cameras. People are going in after hours and taking from the metal pile, which is a source of revenue for the town.
- Grants
 - Looking for a grant writer!
- A town revaluation may be needed.
 - The current valuation is at approximately 82%.
- Community Resilience Grant was approved.

Motion by Selectman Grenier to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm
Seconded by Selectman Rogers. Motion passes 3-0

Robert Grenier

Anna Libby

Carl Rogers

September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 9-11 am Community Café Library Hours 10-3
3	4 Library Hours 3-6 pm	5	6 Library Hours 9-12 & 3-7 Tech Help @ Library 9-12	7	8	9 Library Hours 10-3
10	11 Library Hours 3-6 pm	12	13 Library Hours 9-12 & 3-7 Tech Help @ Library 9-12	14	15	16 Library Hours 10-3
17	18 Library Hours 3-6 pm	19	20 Library Hours 9-12 & 3-7 Tech Help @ Library 9-12	21	22	23 Library Hours 10-3
24	25 Library Hours 3-6 pm	26	27 Library Hours 9-12 & 3-7 Tech Help @ Library 9-12	28	29	30 Library Hours 10-3
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