

Town of Panton  
Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, April 5, 2010  
6:00 p.m. – Panton Town Offices

Board:

Eric Carter  
Beth Tarallo  
John Viskup, Chair

Administration:

Rick Cloutier  
Sue Torrey

Guests:

M'Lissa Dayton  
Mel Hawley, Vergennes City Manager

Call to Order: Chair Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Eric Carter, seconded by John Viskup to approve the minutes as presented. So voted.

Election of Chair was postponed until Beth Tarallo arrives.

Rules of the Board – unanimous to continue using Robert's Rules for Selectboard meetings.

Recycling/Fire Protection: City Manager Hawley discussed the projected contract costs for Fire Protection and Recycling. He advised that in November 2008 the City of Vergennes approved a bond vote (\$450,000.00 to replace the heavy rescue truck and a ladder truck. Both vehicles were purchased (used) for under the approved vote and carry a warrantee for the first year. This will impact the contract cost however as the bonds have not been purchased City Manager Hawley is hopeful to obtain a reasonable bond rate. He commented to the Board that he is hopeful the communication between the towns will be better than in the past and apologized for any miscommunication that may have occurred over the past few years.

Mr. Hawley advised that the towns are recycling 520 tons/year at a cost of \$50-60k a year. He also mentioned that the contract with hauler is based on calendar year while towns are on a fiscal year. Tipping fees have increased and he is still in discussion with the hauler but there is no guarantee the cost will remain level. Chair Viskup thanked Manager Hawley for the information but added that Panton is concerned there are outsiders using the recycling center (particularly BF Goodrich employees). Eric Carter advised Mr. Hawley that many residents spoke up at town meeting about having a system in place to identify legitimate users. Eric asked that something simple be put in place and Mr. Hawley agreed that perhaps a sign would be a good start. He cautioned that there isn't any administration budget to manage further studies. He also added that he doesn't believe there is that much abuse.

Election of Chair – Motion by Eric Carter, seconded by Beth Tarallo to elect John Viskup Chair of the Selectboard. So voted.

Public Comment – M'Lissa Dayton advised that Panton is coming up on its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011 and would like to have a celebration. The Board agreed this is a great idea. Some discussion on setting up reserve funds, lack of procedures and tax collection methods. Discussion of job responsibilities for the auditors, treasurer and Selectboard regarding financial reporting roles. The Selectboard thanked M'Lissa for her assistance.

Road Foreman Report – Driveway wash out at Andy & Teresa Smiths on Fisher Lane. Can't be reached from the road and can't reach from their property because of trees. Will require culvert work and dropping the existing grade. Bruce Many can do it in approximately two days with his excavator at \$80/hour. Work cannot start until the Stove Pipe Road project is complete (possibly June). Advised that paving prices have dropped. Discussion on removing the tree outside the town hall and Chair Viskup asked Rick to speak with Job Corp about the removal. Rick advised that he is taking vacation in August. Advised that Kevin Sullivan is planting nursery trees along the roadside between Torreys and the town garage to replace the trees that were removed. Monthly local Road Foreman meeting will be held in the Panton Town Garage May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

New Business:

Junk Vehicles – Discussion on junk vehicles located on Robert "Moosey" Porter's property. Chair Viskup will speak with him.  
Town Plan – motion by Beth Tarallo, seconded by Eric Carter to readopt the existing Town Plan. So voted.

Old Business:

Traffic Ordinance – Motion by Eric Carter, seconded by Beth Tarallo to re-adopt the Panton Traffic Ordinance of October 12, 2000 with the (legal) speed limit of 45 mph on Town Highway #1. So voted. As a traffic study was not done, the speed limit change on Town Highway #1 from 45mph to 40 mph adopted by the Selectboard June 18, 2007 was not legal (per EC conversation with State of Vermont). Selectboard will speak with Rick about changing the speed signs.

Town Manager – Tabled until more information from Joe Kuhn.

Discussion on the town hall roof and if the whole roof needs replacing or not. Eric Carter will contact Ron Atkins who previously looked at the roof. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the tentative date set for John Viskup, Eric Carter and Ron Atkins to look at the roof.

Motion by Eric Carter, seconded by Beth Tarallo to re-appoint the following to the Panton DRB/Planning Commission: David Raphael, Kim Bingham and Gary Norton. So voted.

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Old Business continued:

Motion by Beth Tarallo, seconded by John Viskup to appoint Eric Carter as Town of Panton Service Officer. So voted.

Financials/Correspondence:

Direct deposit – Sue explained that Citizens would waive the \$55.00 monthly fee for direct deposit if Panton changes their town checking account to a non-interest bearing account. She added that the majority of the town money is kept in the money market account and she transfers money to checking only when checks are written. Interest to date on the checking account is \$32.71. This is the only avenue by which Rick can setup a tax deferred health savings account.

Sue advised the Board that effective July 2010 she will be reducing her hours to 14 hours per week. She added that she plans to semi-retire and will be able to help more at home. She will continue her duties as normal, as well as coordinate and prepare the town report. Financial information will be provided to the Auditors and/or M'Lissa Dayton (if she accepts) for compilation into the town report. Sue commented that she hasn't decided yet what days the office will be open.

Chair Viskup adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torrey, Clerk

Next meeting May 11 at 6:00 p.m.