

Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2006
Panton Town Offices
Minutes

Selectboard

R. Atkins
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

R. Cloutier

Guests/Visitors

L. Giovanella
P. Sokal

Call to Order: R. Atkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Ann Sullivan was nominated to serve as Selectboard Chair by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Motion by R. Atkins, seconded by J. Moulton, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2006 as written. So voted.

Public Communication: Louise Giovanella requested permission to attend a workshop on DRB Decision Writing being given by VLCT. Discussion regarding a class for the DRB and Louise Giovanella stated she had spoken with the attorney Jim Carroll recommended but a specific time has not been set up. Some discussion on the Bourgeois subdivision planned for Hopkins Road. Paul Sokal advised the Board that Hopkins Road is in bad shape but added that it isn't due to any fault of our Road Foreman. Rick Cloutier said that gravel is being drawn in to try to help the road condition as the road is very low in spots. Discussion on the possibility of paving Hopkins Road at some time and how it's the responsible thing to do fiscally as dirt roads are more costly to maintain.

Road Foreman Report: Discussion and review of bids for culvert repair on Slang Road. Available grants were also discussed. Ann Sullivan mentioned that the 'Welcome to Panton' sign on 22A is broken and should be replaced. Rick Cloutier to check out replacing. Rick talked about repairs he is doing on Hopkins Road. There was discussion on a resident requesting the town fill a hole near his mailbox at the end of the driveway. The Board agreed that this is not the town's responsibility and will not be done for anyone. Paving bids were reviewed as were grants and associated budget allotment. Changing the road class for Jersey Street and Arnold Bay Road from Class 3 to Class 2 was also discussed as they are partially paved. This would allow the town to apply for grant money as well. There was discussion about finding someone willing to serve as Transportation Advisory Representative at Addison County Regional Planning. Rick advised the Board that he prefers a standard transmission in the new truck and the Board agreed this was fine. The truck will be built April 4 and the town should take possession sometime in May. Discussion on what will be done with the old truck and it was mentioned that there are a few people interested in buying it. The Board inquired on how the moisture was in the garage and Rick said it's still dripping. Rick advised that the weight limit signs have been taken from Stove Pipe City Road and Adams Ferry Road.

New Business:

Meeting day & time – Motion by R. Atkins, seconded by J. Moulton to keep the Selectboard meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. So voted.

Ron Atkins moved to use Robert's Rules for all Selectboard meetings. So voted unanimously.

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New Business: (cont'd)

Appointments:

DRB/Planning – Roles and responsibilities of both boards was discussed. Letters of application were reviewed and Ron Atkins moved to appoint the following applicants: Gary Norton, 1 year term, Kirsten Vorsteveld, 2 year term and Jim Darragh, 3 year term. Jan Moulton seconded the motion. So voted. Ron Atkins moved to re-appoint Bob Moulton and Louise Giovanella both for 3 year terms. Jan Moulton abstained from voting. Seconded by Ann Sullivan. So voted.

Regional Planning - Moved and seconded to re-appoint Mike Hermann as representative to ACRPC.

Town Service Officer – Moved and seconded to appoint Lynn Donnelly. So voted.

Solid Waste Representative – Moved and seconded to re-appoint Joe Kuhn. So voted.

Fence Viewers – Moved and seconded to re-appoint William Bingham, Greg O'Bryan and Eric Visser as Fence Viewers. So voted.

Hazard Waste Representative – Tabled at this time until further definition of the roles & responsibilities can be determined.

911 Coordinator – Moved and seconded to re-appoint Linda Douville. So voted.

Discussion of replacing the office walkway and entry way to make it safer and replacing the frosted glass with clear glass in the office windows. Also discussed cleaning out the Panton Road School House; water dripping in the garage which requires covering the desk and computer with plastic.

Old Business: Discussed blacktop and applying for grants.

Action Items: Correspondence was reviewed, appointments and town meeting minutes were signed. Checks were signed as follows; Payroll \$6,128.18, A/P \$12,639.98.

Motion by Ron Atkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. seconded by Jan Moulton. So voted.