

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

Selectboard

R. Atkins
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

R. Cloutier
S. Torrey

Guests/Visitors

Call to Order: Chair Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. Atkins to approve the minutes of May 8, 2006 as written. So voted.

Public Communication: None

Road Foreman Report: Advised the Board that the road grader is in bad shape. Discussion on other means to maintain our dirt roads; buying a used grader (in the next two or three years), contracting the work out, having fewer dirt roads. Presented photos of culverts that were removed from West Road. Discussion ensued regarding a culvert grant that was not presented to the Board in time to apply (2004) and the price of culverts. Also discussed was changing South Road from a Class 3 to a Class 4. This will take place next year when road mileage is due to the State of Vermont Transportation. The Board and the Road Foreman discussed the need for repairing some dirt roads, especially Hopkins Road. Since no paving will be done this year, the budget for Retreatment will be used on the dirt roads. The Board directed the Road Foreman to purchase a diesel gauge as he would like to keep track of the fuel he is using. The Road Foreman advised the Board that the cases of caulk to be used on the garage is spoiled as it was left in the school house over the winter. The bottom of the garage requires calking, painting and according to Architect Susan Davis, a cement slab for outside the back door of the garage was not laid. J. Moulton stated that the garage has not had a final inspection by Labor & Industry. Discussion on who's responsibility this should have been and it was thought that to save money the former Road Foreman may have made a deal to do the work (the Selectboard is not aware of any agreement).

Old Business: Chair Sullivan advised the Board that she walked in back of Laura Lee Bushey's and that there is more water two lots up and that it didn't appear that Ms. Bushey had much water at all on her property. She added that she did speak with the Agency of Natural Resources at the State and they aren't interested as there isn't any pollution and no violations so it's a closed case with the State of Vermont and the Town of Panton.

R. Atkins advised that the "air handler" has been ordered; a de-humidifier which will be installed on the existing furnace. Dundon Plumbing and Heating will be doing the work.

J. Moulton asked R. Atkins for photos of the bulletin board so that she can find someone to build another for mid-town.

Town Hall repairs were discussed and it was decided that the priority for 2006 should be the town office entry way. The Board will work on a statement of work for 2007.

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New Business: Chair Sullivan, Janice Moulton and Ann Russett will be attending an Election workshop on August 18th and directed Clerk Torrey to forward their names. Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. Atkins to appoint Matthew Fraley as Hazardous Waste Coordinator for the Town of Panton. So voted. J. Moulton advised that he would like to meet with the Selectboard at some time.

The Board directed Clerk Torrey to place a notice in the newspaper regarding the new regulations for submitting requests for contributions.

Discussion on holding two Selectboard meetings per month as there is so much to cover, i.e. writing ordinances, etc. Next meeting to be held Thursday, June 22 at 8:00 a.m. Clerk Torrey to post.

Action Items: Correspondence was reviewed and warrants were signed; Payroll - \$7,223.13, A/P \$569,768.93 (includes second half of education payment). The contract from the accounting firm of Angolano Associates to perform a fiscal year audit was reviewed. Discussion ensued on whether another audit was warranted and the contract was not signed. Clerk Torrey expressed dismay that the Auditors hadn't taken the initiative to come forward and look at the books.

Motion by Ron Atkins to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. seconded by Jan Moulton. So voted.