

**Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday August 14, 2006**  
**7:00 PM-Panton Town Office**

**Selectboard**

R. Atkins  
J. Moulton  
A. Sullivan

**Administration**

R. Cloutier

**Guest**

Bruce Many

Call to Order: Chair Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton to approve the minutes of July 10, 2006 meeting with the following change **R. Atkins was not in attendance** seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted.  
Motion by J. Moulton to approve the minutes of June 22, 2006 as written seconded by R. Atkins. So voted.

Public Communication: Chair Sullivan recognized B. Many. R. Cloutier advised that B. Many was present at his request to discuss culverts.

Road Foreman Report: Chair Sullivan asked the Road Foreman if he had followed up on the water issue at the Brace residence on Panton Road. The Road Foreman advised that he had walked the property twice and the issue appears to be related to a culvert that Vergennes removed in January on the town line, which is now causing water to back up on the Brace property. He will continue to keep an eye on the situation. The Road Foreman advised that Pike Industries will replace, at no cost to the town, the substandard asphalt on Basin Harbor Road at the end of August. This brings up the issue of the two failed culverts the former Road Foreman did not replace last year when he rebuilt the road before the new asphalt was laid down. The cost of replacement will be about \$4,040.00 and B. Many can do the work in the next two weeks. The Selectboard agreed that it was work that should have been done last year and to go ahead now before new pavement was put down. Discussion of culverts on Spaulding Road, Jersey Street, West Road, East Road and Slang Road. B. Many explained many culvert issues he saw when he walked the roads with the Road Foreman and advised that some should be addressed now or we will have equipment falling through rotted culverts. The Selectboard advised the Road Foreman to start work on some of the worse culverts now. J. Moulton will try to contact Mike Bowden for permission to ditch in his fields where work needs to be done to save a culvert on East Road. The Road Foreman expressed his concern on how there are four small culverts side by side on West Road that serve no purpose, the road still floods every time we have hard rain and now some of the farm fields are going to be ditched which puts more water into the area. J. Moulton advised that perhaps the work could wait until a later time as we do not have a budget that can correct many years of bad judgment. J. Moulton will check into a grant for West Road, as there should be storm water run off grants available. The Road Foreman advised that he had received complaints about the tree branches hanging over the road in front of P. Barrow's residence on Panton Road. They need to be removed because large trucks are hitting them. R. Atkins will contact P. Barrows and try to work with her. A. Sullivan advised that she had received a call from a resident that lives on Sunset Lane (private road) off Route 22A asking if their road could receive attention from Panton since they pay taxes to Panton. The Road Foreman advised that he B. Many had walked Sunset Lane to look at the problem and it appears that when the road was built there was very little base put down and the road needs to be properly built, new gravel, ditched, and graded. R. Atkins and J. Moulton agreed that when the people

bought their homes in that area they knew it was a private road and the Town did not take care of private roads. Also mentioned Staton Drive is a private road and the residents there all contribute to a fund for upkeep of their road. R. Atkins and J. Moulton agreed not to start taking care of private roads. A. Sullivan will contact the homeowner.

New Business: New Door Lock for Town Office – yes we can look into changing the lock to a keyless system. R. Atkins will look when he gets a chance.

Discussion on applying for a charge card for S. Torrey and the amount of credit limit to set. J. Moulton explained that at times S. Torrey is caught having to use her own personal charge card for purchases and it would be much easier for her and a better accounting practice to have a town charge card she could use. Motioned by R. Atkins seconded by J. Moulton to apply for a charge card for S. Torrey with a credit limit per month of \$2000.00. So voted. Clerk/Treasurer annual pay raise – The Selectboard unanimously agreed to a 3% pay increase for S. Torrey.

Old Business: A. Sullivan mentioned that she was wondering if we should ask Dundon's to take back the dehumidification system that was installed last month as it puts too much heat into the Town office. J. Moulton mentioned the temperature in office seems to run at about 86 degrees. S. Torrey was advised to purchase a portable air conditioner system for the office, which she has done. The systems S. Torrey purchased is for cooling, dehumidifying, and heating and seem to be doing a good job without the system running that Dundon installed. R. Atkins stated that the system that we requested Dundon to install was working; it was just putting out heat, which makes the office warmer, which is going to happen. J. Moulton wondered what would happen when air conditioning was no longer necessary would Sue and Vicki be cold if the portable system had to run for to dehumidify. The Selectboard will check with S. Torrey at next month's meeting on having some of their questions answered. The Bulletin Board is being made by Matt Jerry and should be done soon, it was discussed as to where and how to install the sign. The new board will be located at the Town Garage attached to the schoolhouse. The old safe that came out of the Town Office needs to be removed from the Town Garage to make room for highway supplies, and plastic totes are needed for all of the stuff inside the safe. A. Sullivan will pick up plastic totes and J. Moulton will clean out safe and see that the totes get stored in the schoolhouse. J. Moulton advised she had received a note from M. Hermann concerning the fact no one was representing Panton on the Transportation Advisory Board for Addison Regional. J. Moulton advised she had spoke to M. Hermann and advised him we have been looking for someone but no one has the time. R. Moulton has agreed to represent Panton.

Action Items: Correspondence was reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 10.40 p.m.