

Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Monday September 11, 2006
7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard

R. Atkins
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

S. Torrey

Guests

Eric Carter
Louise Giovanella

Call to Order: In absence of the chair, R. Atkins called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Public Communication: R. Atkins recognized Eric Carter who presented the Board with a petition for the repair of the Arnold Bay boat launch. The petition was signed by 255 people, 41 of whom are registered Panton voters. Mr. Carter stated that many people would like to see the boat launch repaired and he would like to see something simple and cost effective that would last. He further asked that the Board visit the launch and make a determination. J. Moulton asked if Mr. Carter would consider working on a grant for funding and a discussion ensued on what the requirements would be. Mr. Carter will contact Addison County Regional Planning to inquire on available grant money and will advise the Selectboard what he finds. S. Torrey also provided Mr. Carter with a copy of the Water Shed Grant request.

New Business: L. Giovanella presented the Board with a draft copy of the Planning Grant for their review. The original must be submitted by September 29 and with the signature of the Selectboard Chair. She added that the request is for \$15,000.00 and includes many items including a survey. This grant does not require a match. Discussion ensued on the mechanics of the survey. L. Giovanella also discussed MAPA with the Board which is the process the Planning/DRB Board should follow and that the Selectboard must adopt the procedure if they are to use it. J. Moulton will make sure this is added to the agenda for next month's Selectboard meeting. Bulk mailing was discussed and it was determined that the town office does not generate enough pieces of mail to qualify.

Old Business:

Carriage Barn - the Selectboard directed Clerk Torrey to send a letter to Claudia Allen regarding her tenants using the town carriage barn.

Door Lock – R. Atkins will look at installing a coded lock on the office door.

Town Hall Repair – R. Atkins stated that the entry way will be repaired soon.

Bulletin Board – no action. Discussion on placement at the town garage and it was agreed that on the front of the school house will be best.

Air Handler – S. Torrey advised that the new furnace dehumidifier is maintaining an office humidity of around 35% but that it is generating heat. During the warmer days it increased the office temperature to 87 degrees.

The portable air conditioners that were purchased work very well in keeping the environment cooler (they also dehumidify and heat as well) but if the furnace dehumidifier is running it takes both air conditioners running to cool the office. When the new unit is turned off, one air conditioner running is adequate. It was discussed that the installer did not seem aware that the unit would generate so much heat. J. Moulton mentioned that it might be possible to remove the heating coils from the system and put them outside to eliminate the heat. R. Atkins will contact the installer to inquire about this suggestion.

J. Moulton advised that the culvert on Lake Road by Donnelly's had separated and the town was liable if anyone had an accident. The Pantan Road Foreman notified the Selectboard that this culvert was in need of repair. It is estimated that the expense to replace the culvert is approximately \$50,000.00. J. Moulton advised that the culvert inventory was complete and that the road inventory is in process. It is hoped that when both are complete that the town will be able to qualify for a grant. The culvert on Slang Road will be replaced September 19 and September 20. J. Moulton advised that in another year Dig Safe services will not be free to the towns and that the towns should factor in some expense at budget time.

J. Moulton mentioned that there has been a problem with a person riding an ATV recklessly in fields and on West Road. The person is not a Pantan resident and is not registered with any club. J. Moulton asked him not to come back into town.

J. Moulton advised that Gerard Vorsteveld inquired if the culvert by their house (installed approximately two years ago) could be relocated as it is filling their yard and basement with water. Various methods to accomplish this were discussed.

The York rake was discussed and tabled until a later date.

J. Moulton reminded Clerk Torrey to put in the legal notice regarding contributions.

S. Torrey advised the Board that she no longer has a person to handle computer problems, i.e. moving software from one computer to another, etc. She added that the town received a grant through the Secretary of State HAVA to purchase a lap top computer but she doesn't know what would work best for the town.

Action Items: Correspondence was reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.