

Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Monday November 13, 2006
7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard

R. Atkins
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

R. Cloutier
S. Torrey

Guests

C. Pettibon

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton to approve the minutes of September 11, 2006 with the following correction: under Road Foreman Report, line 8, "Chair Sullivan *stated that Mr. Jackson advised* that other towns replace driveway culverts", seconded by R. Atkins. So voted.

Public Communication: Chair Sullivan recognized Chris Pettibon who is interested in performing restoration work on the façade of the Town Hall. Recommendations include utilizing Panton stone on the front of the building and changing the entry way. Discussion ensued on what the building needs for immediate repair, i.e. the cupola, entryway and roof. Photos taken by Mr. Pettibon were reviewed by the Board and various methods of restoration discussed as was the town hall property boundaries. Clerk Torrey gave Mr. Pettibon the only know map of the property lines. Discussion on applying for grants and Chair Sullivan said that it is too late to meet the deadline for 2006. Chair Sullivan moved that Chris Pettibon be commissioned to provide sketches for the façade of the town hall at a price not-to-exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by R. Atkins. So voted. Mr. Pettibon will receive \$1,500.00 to get started with the balance due at the time the drawings are submitted.

Road Foreman Report: Foreman advised that re-paving on Basin Harbor was complete. Advised the Board that he is using his personal vehicle for town business. Methods other towns use was discussed and the Board will look into other options. In the meantime, the Board advised that he should keep close track of his mileage so he can be reimbursed. Foreman commented that VLCT will visit towns to give classes which will reduce our liability insurance. Clerk Torrey said that she was unaware that they provided this service. She added that they still have not sent an adjuster to look at the town property across from the hall. Foreman mentioned that he filled up on chloride as they will be a 25% increase in 2007. Chair Sullivan asked that the foreman remove the broken rail from the handicap ramp behind the town hall.

Old Business: Clerk Torrey read a letter from Charles Lowman who resides at 311 Lake Road. Mr. Lowman would like a sign warning of a blind driveway. As there is already a sign near Mr. Lowman's residence, the Road Foreman was directed by the Board to add an 'S' to the existing sign. Also mentioned in the letter was his dissatisfaction with weed control in the near his residence. This letter is a follow up to his original complaint letter of August 3, 2006. Chair Sullivan will notify Mr. Lowman of the action to be taken. J. Moulton mentioned that Alan Palmer requested sumac be cut down near his house and that she thought it had been taken care of. Discussion on exactly where the sumac is located.

Discussion on the credit card limit for the office and highways. It was agreed that they limits are too low as the billing cycle is such that the cards are getting maxed out before the statement can be paid. Motion by R. Atkins, seconded by J. Moulton to increase limit on both cards. So voted.

Reviewed documentation received from the town attorney regarding the Laura Lee Bushey violation. Ms. Bushey's attorney has asked for time to resolve the problem.

Motion by A. Sullivan, seconded by J. Moulton to hire Angie Stone to perform office cleaning duties. So voted. Mrs. Stone will be an independent contractor and will clean the offices twice per month at \$25.00 per hour.

Clerk Torrey mentioned that she had received a request from the DRB/Planning Board Clerk for an additional bulletin board. R. Atkins said that Matt Jerry does not have time to build it. It was mentioned that BJ's Farm Supply will let the town put notices in their store. Clerk Torrey said the only caveat to that is when there are large papers such as ballots BJ's bulletin board is too small. It was discussed that the bulletin board at the store is no longer available and the store owner is not agreeable to posting town notices in the store.

Discussion on finding a CPA. The annual increase for Clerk Torrey was revised from 3% to 4%. J. Moulton advised that Addison County Regional Transportation remarked that Panton's road budget is very low and it appears that we are not planning for price increases or equipment purchases. In some instances the budget has gone backward which shouldn't happen. Also mentioned was the fact that we employ only one highway person which can be a liability to the town and which the State may not allow any longer in towns because of liability. Rick Keene of ACRT will be helping our road foreman with working through some of the budget issues for the remainder of the year. It was also discussed that without spending money we can't get assistance from the State. J. Moulton is currently working on a culvert replacement plan for the many culverts in town (many of which are eroded).

New Business: The new Panton Zoning Regulations were discussed and a hearing will be warned according to statute.

Action Items: Correspondence was reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.