

Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday May 8, 2007
7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard

J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration

R. Cloutier

Guests

S. Fleming
D. Heath
B. Many
R. Moulton

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2007 and April 9, 2007 as presented, seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted

Public Communication: R. Moulton and D. Heath, representing the local All Terrain Vehicle club, requested use of the following roads for ATV travel; across Panton Dam (South Road), Slang, West, Stove Pipe City roads and a small section of Panton Road (as they are trying to establish a trail system). They also requested that the town re-establish South Road as a trail or a Class 4 road as part of the ancient road project. The rules were presented for review by the Selectboard and are on file in the town office.

Steve Fleming from Vergennes Area Rescue, advised the Board that they want to contract their services with each of the towns versus requesting funds. (Copy of this proposal is on file in the town office). This would be similar to how the towns currently contract with the Vergennes Fire Department. He gave an overview of the history of funding and discussed the billing detail which would be on a per capita basis. The new contract will begin the next fiscal year. Mr. Fleming recommended that the Selectboard have the contract reviewed by the town attorney and asked that we respond to him with an answer by August 1, 2007.

B. Many advised the Board that he was offered a pickup truck by Wake Robin and he thought it might be an opportunity for the town. The truck would be used by our Road Foreman for town business versus using his personal vehicle. J. Moulton stated there wasn't enough in the highway budget (approx. \$14,000) to consider this purchase. Discussion ensued on what makes up the expenses to date and balances remaining. The truck was only used for plowing the Wake Robin residences but does need to have the bed and transmission replaced. The Board asked that B. Many explore the cost to repair the truck before making any further decision.

Road Foreman Report: Discussion on roads to be paved and the foreman received a price of \$125,000.00 which will cover part of Panton flats, from Atkins to Basin Harbor Road, Lake Road (from Lowman's to Spaulding Road). J. Moulton mentioned that she and R. LaFleche worked on writing a new employment application.

The Road Foreman mentioned that Green Up Day did not go well as bags of household garbage and miscellaneous furniture, bundled cardboard, etc. was left at the highway department. It was mentioned that someone needs to be there monitoring what comes in next year. Chair Sullivan mentioned that perhaps Panton shouldn't have it as there doesn't seem to be a Chairman and that it isn't right that the bags have to be sorted to weed out trash.

The Road Foreman mentioned that the Vorsteveld's/Whitney have done a great job keeping the manure/dirt off the roads while trucking their manure and have responded to whatever has been asked of them.

R. LaFleche will contact Mr. Whitney to let him know of our satisfaction with the hauling .

Discussion on C. Lowman filling in the ditch on Lake Road with rock. The Road Foreman asked for direction and what to do rectify this situation. It was decided that R. LaFleche should speak with him about this.

New Business:

Work Meeting - Chair Sullivan will pick dates and coordinate with other Board members. J. Moulton requested that the two candidates who have applied for the Road Helper position reapply using the new employment application.

Old Business:

Zoning Regulation hearing - J. Moulton advised that a public hearing needs to be warned and will forward the information to Clerk Torrey to be warned in the local paper for the June Selectboard Meeting.

Action Items:

Check warrants were signed and correspondence reviewed. Motion by J. Moulton to bill Kevin Cosgrove for man hours Panton was charged (\$144.00) for his un-permitted fire, seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted. Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.