

**Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday June 18, 2007**  
**7:00 PM-Panton Town Office**

**Selectboard**

R. LaFleche, Jr.  
J. Moulton  
A. Sullivan

**Administration**

R. Cloutier

**Guests**

R. Moulton

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Public Communication: Motion by R. LaFleche, Jr. to allow VASA to travel roads as presented in their request at the May 8, 2007 Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted. J. Moulton abstained from the vote. Discussion ensued on the continuing problem with the person who is driving an ATV on West Road and causing damage to the road and fields. Evidently the State Police are not interested in dealing with this problem. R. Moulton advised that perhaps something could be done within VASA regulations.

Road Foreman Report: The foreman mentioned that some people have asked to have Hopkins Road paved. It was discussed that the road is not ready for paving but perhaps starting next year and each year thereafter a portion of the road can be prepared until the road is pavement ready. J. Moulton responded that the road needs gravel this year and R. LaFleche discussed that we should get an idea of what roads require repair and budget the repairs (this way the roads will be done properly). J. Moulton replied that it was promised last year to put gravel on Hopkins Road. Further discussion on the road requiring more ditching and culverts prior to laying down gravel and perhaps the board should consider a five year plan for town roads. The denial of the Better Backroad grant we applied for is being appealed. This grant was denied by the State of Vermont as the sketch of the work to be done was not sufficient. J. Moulton will be meeting with the person from the State on Thursday at the garage to go over the grant. The foreman advised that he will be purchasing road signs that are larger and more reflective (from a different company). R. LaFleche mentioned that the signs should be erected prior to our agreement with the Addison County Sheriff. The town Speed Ordinance will also be forwarded to the Sheriff. It was discussed that the ordinance will need to be readopted to reflect reduced speed limits on some roads (per recommendation of the Addison Sheriff to have towns be consistent). The paving grant was discussed and it is still not certain how much money the town will be receiving. It was discussed to use (pave) only what is budgeted.

R. LaFleche advised that he and the road foreman spoke to Mrs. Lowman about the stones being dumped in the ditch/road on Lake Street and that this time the town will clean out the ditch but any more debris will be removed at their cost. Mr. Lowman agreed to this condition and advised that the ditch had been cleaned out. A. Sullivan will respond with a letter and the pertinent statute.

J. Moulton advised that Rick Keene will come up to look at the intersection on Jersey Street to see what can be done about the dangerous intersection status. A. Sullivan asked that the road foreman remove the branches that have grown over any of the signs. The road foreman was advised that on July 2, 2007 a new employee will be joining his department as a road helper.

Discussion of the feasibility of purchasing a pickup truck in the future for the road crew to use. R. LaFleche advised that for a few days Ferrisburgh will be storing stone at our highway department that they will be using on their roads. Chair Sullivan asked why the roadside was mowed on South Road as this belongs to the State of Vermont. It isn't known if the State mowed it or our road foreman.

Discussion on the piece that fell off the cupola and if it is possible to have the cupola removed until it can be repaired. Chair Sullivan will contact R. Atkins (who looked at the cupola) to get more information.

Received a complaint regarding the Recycling Center closing early. Chair Sullivan will speak to someone about this.

As no further business was discussed the meeting was recessed to Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon to go over financial information with the town clerk.