

**UNAPPROVED**  
**Town of Panton Selectboard/Budget Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**  
**6:00 PM-Panton Town Office**

**Selectboard**

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

**Administration**

S. Torrey

**Guests**

J. Kuhn  
R. Kuhn

A review of the proposed general fund budget began at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche to approve the December minutes as presented. So voted.

Public Communication: Chair Sullivan recognized Joe Kuhn who inquired about the chipping (mulching) being done on Lake Road and why it wasn't being transported to solid waste via the town truck. R. LaFleche explained that the town wasn't being charged for the chipping and that it would be costly to have our foreman transport it to Middlebury. Mr. Kuhn also expressed dismay in the town not continuing the service of the Addison Sheriff. Discussion on how the town is not breaking even between fees and fines received and perhaps the town doesn't have the speeding problem we thought. It was mentioned that the Sheriff isn't available during the time when some of the speeding occurs and also that the Board is being fought, by some townspeople, on having the Sheriff patrol. The Board advised Mr. Kuhn to bring the subject up at Town Meeting. Mr. Kuhn asked why the grader was being used for snowplowing and that the grader is "on its last legs" and should be used only for grading. The Board explained that the grader is used only during major storms to push the snow away from the edges of the road, which the trucks cannot perform as their wings aren't large enough; it was used during the last snow storm as one of the trucks was being repaired.

Financial Report: Check warrants were reviewed and signed and correspondence was reviewed.

New Business: none

The Board discussed the town rumor mill which has our Road Foreman being fired, wrecking and totaling the town truck and tipping the grader over. It was stated that the foreman has had an uphill battle with some people in town and that it's too bad they don't realize how much he does for our town.

R. LaFleche expressed thanks to Arnold Bay and the Vorstevelds for assisting the road foreman when he was stuck.

Chair Sullivan recessed the meeting at 9:10 p.m. until Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at which time the proposed Highway Budget will be reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Torrey