

UNAPPROVED
Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2008
7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard

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

Administration

R. Cloutier

Guests

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

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

Public Communication: None

Road Foreman Report: Chair Sullivan mentioned that she had received awesome comments on the condition of the roads. Foreman advised that he is still awaiting delivery of salt. The chloride tank is nearly finished and the expense will go against the chloride account. Motion by J. Moulton to purchase parts necessary to finish the chloride tank, seconded by R. LaFleche. So voted. Discussion of the collapsed back wall on the salt shed and possibility of running out of sand. Concern was expressed regarding the added expense of purchasing more sand and the increase in price of diesel fuel. R. LaFleche advised to make the roads safe but to cautiously cut down some on the use of sand. Discussion on adding more handicap parking signs for town meeting day and the possibility of holding town meeting in the highway garage in the future. Chair Sullivan commented that as this is her last meeting she would like to say how much she has enjoyed working with R. Cloutier and that he has done a great job. Discussion on purchasing cots for the crew to use when they are out late plowing. Chair Sullivan stated that the farmers are to be given priority for snow plowing and the town office when they have time or perhaps the town office could open at 11:00 am or later if the walkways or parking lot haven't been plowed. It was discussed that the Town Clerk also asked to have the back entryway shoveled but the Board believes that this isn't necessary and only the front entrance should be used. Concern was expressed that in the interest of security only one door be used or just shovel in front of the door as it isn't a high priority anymore than Jackson Road is a priority. The Road Foreman expressed his concern that his name was printed in a newspaper article and that he had asked that his name not be used. Chair Sullivan said she will mention this to the Town Clerk and apologized for this happening. Motion to accept the Town of Panton Application for Access Permit by R. LaFleche, seconded by J. Moulton. So voted

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

New Business: Highway Mileage certificate was reviewed and signed. Town Report draft was reviewed. Discussion on why the Board didn't get to review the town report prior to it going to print. J. Moulton said she didn't understand the article in the paper as the Town Clerk's budget line is where it should be and no money was taken from her. She added that the voters were taken into consideration when the budget was set. Discussion on whether she is salary or hourly. J. Moulton stated that the Water District Clerk and Supervisor are salary.

She further stated that S. Torrey is paid by the Selectboard not by the voters to prepare the town report and that the report is the Selectboard's. Chair Sullivan said that her key doesn't work to the office and therefore she couldn't sign the Warning. She said she doesn't remember getting an email regarding when the warning was to be posted. J. Moulton said that the Town Clerk changed the Warning after she signed it according to what is on the Town Web Site. J. Moulton said that the clerk cannot change the warning after it's been signed and that she will go to anyone on town meeting day and tell them that she changed it.

Old Business:

Discussed that an obscene message was left on the office phone regarding the road conditions on 22A. J. Moulton mentioned that they weren't told about it by Clerk Torrey. R. LaFleche said it isn't a real pressing issue as it's the State's problem.

Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 8.55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

S. Torrey