

**UNAPPROVED**  
**Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2008**  
**7:00 PM-Panton Town Office**

**Selectboard**

L. Donnelly  
R. LaFleche, Jr.  
J. Viskup

**Administration**

R. Cloutier  
S. Torrey

**Guests**

D. Brace  
G. Norton  
E. Preston  
K. Sullivan

Call to Order: R. LaFleche called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

L. Donnelly nominated R. LaFleche to serve as Selectboard Chair, seconded by J. Viskup. So voted.

Motion by J. Viskup to hold the monthly meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., seconded by L. Donnelly, so voted.

Motion by L. Donnelly to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for procedure, seconded by J. Viskup. So voted.

S. Torrey was nominated by L. Donnelly to serve as Clerk of the Board and as there were no further nominations, one ballot was cast for S. Torrey. So voted.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by L. Donnelly, seconded by J. Viskup to approve the February minutes as presented. So voted.

Public Communication: Discussion of the anticipated purchase of a tractor with loader; mower capability, horsepower, used versus new, and lease versus buy. Chair LaFleche explained that the current tractor isn't operational and not worth repairing. The town has received bids from Southworth Milton, Champlain Valley Equipment and Hendy Brothers . Concern was expressed about the poor condition of some of the highway equipment and Chair LaFleche stated that he would like to plan better by having a schedule for turn -over of equipment then perhaps the town wouldn't be so far behind. It was also discussed that the town gets only a small portion of the tax dollars so as an attempt to keep taxes from being too high the highway budget was often level funded. L. Donnelly made the motion to postpone further discussion of the tractor purchase until Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the town garage. J. Viskup seconded the motion. So voted. L. Donnelly commented that the (3) three bids were difficult to compare and that perhaps a committee should be formed to come up with specifications that will meet town highway requirements. L. Donnelly asked for volunteers and K. Sullivan, G. Norton and E. Preston volunteered to work with R. Cloutier . D. Miner will also be asked to help. This committee will report their recommendation to the Selectboard at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Road Foreman Report: Mentioned that no one is providing paving prices due to the prices of diesel. Running low on salt and will try to make it through the remainder of the winter with sand. Had a tire blow out on the backhoe which will necessitate the purchase of a new tire. Is hoping to cold patch some of the major holes on Panton Road and Jersey Street. Discussion on the lack of good base on some of the dirt roads.

Chair LaFleche stated that it is very important to obtain State funding to offset some of our road expense but to accomplish this really requires a grant writer.

Financial Report/Business Matters: Warrants were reviewed and signed. Motion by J. Viskup, seconded by Lynn Donnelly to accept, with regret, Robert Moulton's resignation from the DRB/Planning Board. So voted. G. Norton advised that Becky Hutchins was interested and it was noted that Barb Fleming has submitted a letter of interest. G. Norton will advise B. Hutchins to submit a letter to the DRB/Planning Board and B. Fleming's letter will be forwarded to the board for their recommendation. David Raphael's name was submitted per the written recommendation of the DRB/Planning Board.

Appointments:

**DRB/Planning** - Motion by L. Donnelly, seconded by J. Viskup to appoint David Raphael. So voted. Motion by J. Viskup, seconded by L. Donnelly to re-appoint the following members: Deeny Marshall, Michael Hermann and Kirsten Vorsteveld. So voted.

**Addison County Regional Planning Representative** - Motion by L. Donnelly, seconded by J. Viskup to reappoint M. Hermann, so voted.

**Town Service Officer** – Deb Brace was appointed on a motion by J. Viskup seconded by L. Donnelly. So voted.

**Town Fence Viewers** – Bill Bingham, Greg O'Bryan and Eric Visser were reappointed on a motion by J. Viskup, seconded by L. Donnelly. So voted.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – Matt Fraley was reappointed on a motion by J. Viskup, seconded by L. Donnelly. So voted.

**Town 911 Coordinator** – Vicki Collette was reappointed on a motion by J. Viskup, seconded by L. Donnelly. So voted.

New Business: L. Donnelly asked that Clerk Torrey contact the Vergennes City Clerk regarding the possibility of sharing a grant writer. Clerk Torrey was also directed to invite the Auditors to the May Selectboard meeting. Selectboard seminars were discussed and L. Donnelly and J. Viskup will plan on attending one in the near future.

Old Business: L. Donnelly advised that S. Hofmann contacted her regarding the signage for the Panton School House at Basin Harbor. The information was reviewed and will be acted on.

Motion to adjourn by J. Viskup, seconded by L. Donnelly. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Torrey, Clerk