

Town of Panton
Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Board:

Lynn Donnelly
John Viskup, Vice Chair

Administration:

Rick Cloutier
Sue Torrey

Guests:

Deborah Brace Deborah Foster
Joe Kuhn David Raphael

Call to Order: Vice Chair Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Lynn Donnelly to approve the minutes as written, seconded by John Viskup. So voted.

Addison County Home Health/Hospice: Deborah Foster explained the effort required to get petitions requesting funds. She added that there has been a 40% increase for the need of their services in Panton. Deborah explained that as their organization is part of United Way many towns (if they are not requesting an increase in funds), don't require a petition each year. She suggested the possibility of an assessment per capita of 5% in contract with the town. Lynn Jackson was asked what percentage was paid by billing cost to which Deborah didn't have an answer. Lynn explained that it is too late to change the requirement this year but they will revisit the request next year.

Public Comment: Chairman of the DRB/Planning Commission, David Raphael, advised that he will not be attending Town Meeting due to scheduled surgery and therefore wants to update the Board on plans for 2009. He explained that the Commission will be updating and re-adopting the Town Plan and that they anticipate having a public workshop for input to the Town Plan early spring or summer. The Panton website will be updated (with the assistance of Ralph Burt) with a link to the Town Plan and results of the Town Survey.

Road Foreman Report: Rick Cloutier showed photos of damaged mailboxes and explained that the damage was not caused from snow plowing. He added that other towns also experienced mailbox damage. John Viskup inquired how often road equipment was washed and Rick replied that they are steam washed after each use. John expressed concern about the salt damage on the newest truck and Rick explained that the chloride sprays back creating this problem. It was discussed that this fall the vehicles should be oil coated for added protection against the chloride. John Viskup gave Rick a project book to record his plans daily, weekly, monthly. John also complimented Rick on taking time off instead of using overtime and explained that the Board was considering a new compensation plan, Half-Time Overtime, but have decided not to adopt it at this time. John commented that the overtime will be strictly enforced. Lynn Donnelly expressed confidence that Rick would manage all right. Rick advised that the Truck Committee (Bruce Many, Rejean Lafleche, Chris Dion, Alroy Aunchman, and Richard Jackson) would like to meet with the Selectboard next week. The Board agreed to attend the Truck Committee meeting on Monday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the town offices. Rick mentioned that East Road should be paved this summer and that Basin Harbor Road should be capped. He will get bids. Rick advised that because of the problem with household garbage being dropped off on Green-Up Day, there will not be any drop off at the highway garage. Bags will be picked up beside the road. Rick mentioned that it might be a good idea to have a waste oil drop. Sue Torrey explained to Rick that she spoke with VLCT attorney Jim Barlow, regarding comp time and it is legal to apply all time off against the accrued comp time first. She added that it doesn't reduce their vacation or sick time. Rick advised that the ditches were cleaned out on Panton Road in anticipation of rain.

New Business: Grants – John Viskup advised he has spoken with Karen Horn , Director of Public Policy at VLCT, regarding the anticipated stimulus package for the Panton Bike Path. He directed Rick Cloutier to get estimates for a maximum 4' shoulder bike path from Addison to Vergennes which should include construction and paving. John added that this should go in the local paper for bids as well as bids for potential repair of the Town Hall.

Old Business: Lynn Donnelly advised that the dissolution of the Panton School Board is dependent on a representative from Panton on the Addison Northwest Supervisory Board. The current school board will report back to the Selectboard.

Financials/Correspondence:

Bills and correspondence were reviewed and signed.

Vice Chair Viskup adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torrey
Clerk