

Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
June 10, 2014/6:30P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board
John Viskup
Beth Tarallo

Administration:
Diane Merrill, Treasurer
Jean Miller, Clerk
Barbara Fleming, Delinq Tax Col
David Raphael, DRB

Guests:
Cheryl McEwan Ed Biello
Ken McEwan Paul Tippet
GerardVorsteveld Carlotta Tippet
Lisa Stearns Lynn Jackson
Patricia Gaouette (Phone)
Kevin Brennan

John Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:33.

Review/Approval of May 27, 2014 minutes of Select Board Meeting – Beth Tarallo made a motion to accept the minutes of May 27, 2014. John Viskup 2nd. All approved.

David Raphael/DRB – Communications – DRB reviewed the draft Junk Ordinance at their last meeting. They would like more time to digest all the information. There was some comment regarding unregistered vehicles. They will give more feedback after their July 10, 2014 meeting. Ed Hanson, Zoning Administrator reported on some potential violations or permit issues to the DRB board. The DRB will pursue and insure that people are living in legal, appropriate residences and that they are properly permitted for what their property is used for. D. Raphael reported that he was waiting to hear on how the Judge would rule on the Appeal of the DeGraaf Change of Use Permit. Ed Hanson will be monitoring the Appeal, being the contact person. The Planning Commission will be updating some of the Zoning Regulations. If a subdivision of more than three lots is being applied for it will automatically go to PUD (planned unit development). This clause would suggest/require certain configurations of the land development making it more consistent with the Town plan and responding to neighbor issues. D. Raphael gave an update on the Town Hall Committee. They have spoken with Ann Cousins from Vermont Preservation Trust. She has helped identify different sorts of funding which will be looked into. The committee will be covering the cupola to help prevent further deterioration. Jeff Kelly has been contacted and he will review the septic situation. The Town Hall Committee is trying to make an overall plan on what needs to be done to the Town Hall, including/ but not limited to accessible restrooms, improving the walkway, the ramp, parking, septic, carriage barn, lighting and the cupola. Three sources of funding that will be looked into are grants, volunteers and fund raising.

Public Comment – Paul Tippet addressed roadside trimming. He did not like the looks of the vertical trimming. He was told that this was done for safety reasons. Large equipment, trucks, plowing and visibility were some of the reasons it is done. It is more cost effective to use the boom mower rather than man power to accomplish the job. Cheryl McEwan voiced concerns regarding littering on Lake Road. There is a State law regarding littering. She asked if no littering signs could be installed along with cameras. The State will be contacted to see if some signs can be obtained and installed. Gaouette/Stearns Subdivision/Kevin Brennan – K. Brennan gave a report of the process that Gaouette/Stearns went through to get approval from the DRB for the subdivision. The Select

Board has asked the developers to Upgrade a section of Spaulding Road to specs supplied to them by the Dept. of Transportation prior to construction and if damage is done to the road during the construction process that the road would be brought back up to specs again. The developers discussed alternative actions saying the section of road that was being impacted and needed the upgrade could be avoided by using Jersey St. as a route for the heavy equipment thus there would no need to upgrade the road. The Select Board still felt that the section of road in question should be upgraded to State specs by the developer as per original request. Kevin Brennan will draft a proposal for the Select Board to review regarding the upgrade of Spaulding Road.

Delinquent Taxes – Policy Update, Accounts, Procedure – Kevin Brennan, Attorney and Barbara Fleming, Delinquent Tax Collector have reviewed the Delinquent Tax Policy and some minor changes have been made. The date that delinquent taxes should be paid is July 1st or the Delinquent Tax Collector can turn the list of delinquent taxes over to an Attorney for tax sale. The exception to this is if a Taxpayer and the Delinquent Tax Collector have entered into an agreement of how the and when the delinquent taxes will be paid. The process will then be to turn the list of delinquent taxpayers over to an Attorney, there is approximately a 60 day period while the Attorney sends notices to the taxpayers, mortgage holders, a title search would be done and a notice printed in the Addison Independent before a tax sale is held. The tax sale would be an annual event. K. Brennan will give the Town a copy of the procedures so everyone will know how it all works and be supportive to the Delinquent Tax Collector in their efforts to collect the delinquent taxes. Kevin Brennan was asked and has agreed to be Pantons' Attorney for delinquent tax sales.

Gerard Vorsteveld Select Board Interest – Gerard Vorsteveld expressed his interest in the open seat on the Select Board.

Parking Tickets/Arnold Bay Ordinance – David Palmatier/Constable – D. Palmatier suggested that if there were signs saying no parking at the beach area of Arnold Bay that maybe there should be signs saying where you could park. VLCT will be contacted to see if there is a liability issue if the Town posts signs saying park here. D. Palmatier will check with Precision Print regarding the printing of Parking Tickets. Tickets will be numbered sequentially and a spread sheet will be made. Warnings will be issued before a ticket is issued.

Road Foreman Report – Road Foreman was not able to attend. He would like to order two culverts and tires for the 2007 truck. The Select Board felt this made sense seeing he had money in his budget for the purchases.
Financials – Financials were reviewed.

CDL Requirements Update – B. Tarallo has spoken VLCT regarding CDLs. The Senior Loss Control Specialist said that there are no legislative changes this year, but there are existing laws on the books that they are starting to enforce. According to VLCT these laws have multiple layers and it can be hard to interpret them. The Senior Lost Control Specialist will see what CDLs the Town drivers have and will help interpret how these laws impact Pantons.

Review & Approval of Bills – Bills were reviewed and approved. Financials – Financials were reviewed.

DRB Alternates - Geraldine Marshall left a message for John Viskup on his answering machine stating that she was resigning from the DRB.

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John Viskup made a motion to appoint Terry Findiesen to the DRB for a 3 year position and to appoint Teena Hayden as an alternate to the DRB for a 3 year position. Beth Tarallo 2nd. All approved.

Chief Merkel's Letter – Chief Merkel's letter was reviewed. The Town will have Addison County Sheriff's Dept. continue with their patrols of Panton.

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed. Setting speed limits will be addressed at the July 8th meeting. State of Vermont, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development – Mapping Unit has sent paperwork regarding a deadline for mapping all Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 Town Highways and Legal Trails of July 1, 2015. The Road Foreman will be given a copy to see if he is familiar with what is being requested for the Town to do.

The Select Board has not made a decision on who to appoint to the vacant Select Board seat. Candidates will be asked to come to the next meeting of June 24th for further discussion.

John Viskup adjourned the meeting at 10:46 P.M. All approved.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Miller, Clerk