

Town of Panton  
Select Board Meeting  
Oct. 8, 2013/6:30 P.M.  
Minutes

In Attendance:

Select board:

John Viskup, Chair  
Beth Tarallo

Administration:

Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman  
Diane Merrill, Treasurer  
Jean Miller, Clerk

Guest:

Eben Markowski  
Andy Mayer, Navigator

6:30 John called the meeting to order

6:31 John made a motion to accept the minutes of 9/24/13 with edits. Beth 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

State Health Care/Health Connect Discussion with Andy Mayer, Navigator - There was a discussion regarding health insurance. Andy answered questions that were asked. The Select Board will have to decide if they are going to offer health insurance/opt to VT Health Connect or have the employees purchase it on their own. The Select Board will discuss this later.

Road Foreman Report – Ditching will be finished on East Road tomorrow.

Freightliner was taken to Charlebois. The brake lights and directional did not work. Rick could not find the problem. The problem was computer related, a connection had come loose.

Hawley Fence Status – Various options for fencing Hawley Cemetery were discussed. The cemetery will be measured and cedar posts will be priced for one option.

Easement for Water Line on Hopkins Road (Water line goes across and down Hopkins Rd. to P. Goodkind house) - The road crew was replacing a culvert on Hopkins Road. The first bucket that was dug revealed a 2" waterline that ran down the center of the road for approximately 4/10ths of a mile buried about 2' deep, neither the Road Crew nor the Water Department realized it was there. Rick reports there is no official easement or documentation at the town or Water Department documenting its existence. This will be placed on the punch list to be dealt with at another time.

A new development off Lake Road/Spaulding Road is being proposed to the Planning Commission. Concerns regarding the damage to the roads that the heavy vehicles may cause during the development are being voiced by Eben Markowski and Road Foreman; further noted that the road as it currently stands is not sufficient to deal with increase in vehicular traffic that the development will bring once complete. The Road Foreman will meet with District 5 next week to discuss this. He will also meet with David Raphael, Chair of Panton DRB.

The Road Foreman has been working to have the remaining sections of Jersey Street reclassified by the State from a Class 3 Road to a Class 2 Road. Part of Jersey Street is already classified as Class 2. This should make it easier for Panton to get Grants for Class 2 roads from the State. The Select Board has drafted a letter and will send it to the State requesting the reclassification.

Community Board – The new Community Board has been set on Jackson Road. The roof will be finished with slate. Thanks go to Ben Chamberlain for volunteering the labor to build the community board.

Cheryl McEwan – Lister Report on meeting with Dept. of Valuation and Review – Tabled

Open Lister Position-interested resident – Beth noted that Beverly Biello voiced an interest in the open Lister position. Beth made a motion to appoint Beverly Biello as lister. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Tax Discussion Follow Up – Any Outstanding to-dos - The Select Board would like to clarify they have not appointed an official committee to discuss the issue of rising taxes.

Communications around Municipal Budget – The Select Board will notify residents when they are going to start budget work for the coming FY. If there are any residents that would like to attend the budget meetings they are welcome to come.

Budget Next FY Next Steps/Action Plan – Is to come up with a template with figures from this year's budget and blanks to put in figures for next year's estimated budget figuring in cost increases in product if possible.

Security/Theft Follow up – Tabled. More information needed on cameras.

Constable Follow up – The Select Board expects to be receiving Rajean LaFleche's resignation. He is not a resident of Panton at this time.

Panton Park do we still have permission to use it? – Tabled

Review Bills /Financials – Bills were reviewed and approved. Highway financials were gone over.

Alcohol & Substance Abuse Policy – Tabled

Correspondence – was reviewed.

At 8:49 P.M. Beth made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Health Care options. John 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At 9:14 P.M. John made a motion to exit Executive Session. Beth 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At 9:15 P.M. John Viskup made a motion to enter into the purchase of VT Health Connect maintaining current Health Insurance/HAS & Maintenance \$ amounts as the Town is currently paying: Single \$512.72 per month, \$1000.00 annually plus \$102.00 Health maintenance annually = \$7254.64. Family \$1083.50 per month, \$2000 annually plus \$102.00 Health maintenance annually = \$15,104.00. Total is \$22358.64. Beth Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

At 9:24 P.M. John Viskup made a motion to adjourn. Beth 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Jean Miller, Clerk