

Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
February 10, 2015/6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

John Viskup, Chair
Beth Tarallo
Howard Hall

Administration:

Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman
Diane Merrill, Treasurer
Jean Miller, Clerk
Ed Hanson, ZA

Guests:

JoAn Canning Linda Douville
Doug Dows Tonia Mears
Richard Rathbun

J Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

B Tarallo made a motion to add correspondence to the agenda. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Review/Approve Minutes of January 27, 2015 and February 5, 2015 – J Viskup made a motion to accept the minutes of January 27, 2015 and February 5, 2015. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.

ANWSU JoAn Canning Introduction and Tonia Mears ANWSU Business Manager – School Budget - Introductions were made. The school budget was discussed with the many challenges facing the new administration. The budget has gone up and also tax rates. Cuts in hours are being proposed cumulating to approximately 4 full time positions. Changes have been made to correct the business office deficiencies. This has led to hiring new staff members. J Canning explained that Montpelier Tax Commissioner has mandated a two cent rate before the school budget is even considered. The proposed combination for the High School and Elementary budget is a rate of \$1.5967 for the Town of Panton.

Public Comment

Ed Hanson Discuss Application for Access Permit for Lynne Poteau – E Hanson gave an overview of the proceedings coming up to the application for the Access permit. The Select Board has until March 2, 2015 to either approve or deny the permit. After some discussion the SB decided to contact Town Attorney, Jim Carroll for advice. E Hanson will give J Carroll the background information needed. This topic is tentatively scheduled on the agenda for the SB meeting of February 24, 2015.

Road Foreman Report – The price of salt has increased and there is an expected shortage. The price increase will affect next year's proposed budget. The plow needs new cutting edges and shoes which will exceed this year's budget.

Review of Final Draft of Culvert Policy – A question came up during the review regarding culvert sizes listed. Rick will be consulted. Tabled.

Review/Approval of Bills – Bills were reviewed and approved.

Review Paystubs/Vacation/Sick Time – Reviewed

Doug Dows Discuss Articles for Town Meeting – Articles were reviewed and discussed for presentation.

What Happens if Officer not re-elected to their participation at rest of meeting? If an officer is voted out of office they will service for the remainder of the meeting until the successor is duly sworn.

Where does the library presentation fit? When the budget is being addressed and the library line item comes up would be the best time to do the presentation.

Personnel Committee Report - The Select Board reviewed the report. The personnel committee is going to make a few changes in their report. It will be added to the agenda of February 24, 2015.

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Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed.

B Tarallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 P.M. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Miller, Clerk