

DRAFT
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
February 9, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall
Beth Tarallo
John Viskup, Chair

Administration:

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

Guests:

James Dayton
Eben Markowski
David Raphael

J Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of January 26, 2015 – **B Tarallo moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016. H Hall 2nd. All approved.**

Public Comment – None

Road Foreman Report – All chevron signs on Lake Street that were mandated by the State have been installed. All signs that are on the Lake side of Panton have been fixed. The road crew will work on the ones on the other side of Town next.

Someone hit a guardrail on Hopkins Road. The Road Foreman called the Police but they did not have an accident report on the incident. Rough estimate for fixing the damage is \$800 to \$900.

Road Foreman will be hosting an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. put on by Better Back Roads regarding different grants that are available for the Towns/Municipalities. The location will be Panton Town Hall. A 220 line in the garage was moved.

While D Hosking, Dept. of Transportation was reviewing culverts on Jersey Street with Panton's Road Foreman he noticed some area that he felt needed to be brought to the attention of the Health Officer and other Officials due to it being an environmental hazard. He gave names and phone numbers to the Road Foreman for contact information. The Road Foreman passed along the information to the Select Board, who will follow up and contact the necessary people. The sign at the Town Park was pulled out of the ground. It is now at the Town garage. In the spring it will be reinstalled and concreted in the ground.

There was a discussion regarding the Park and Ride across from the Town Hall. It will be looked into to see if the State has certain rules and regulations that need to be followed.

An inventory of shop equipment and tools has been established. As new items are purchased they will be added.

Road Foreman hopes to start paving the 1st of May.

Highway Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

Junk Complaints – Jersey Street Property - This was discussed under Road Foreman report. Junk Ordinance procedures will be addressed at the April 12, 2016 Select Board meeting.

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

Review Pay Stubs – Pay stubs were reviewed and approved.

Town Meeting Warning Notice to Voters – The warning for Town Meeting will be posted in the Addison Independent, a notice will be sent to Panton residents that have given the Town their email addresses and a notice will be placed on Front Porch Forum with the Town's website where it can be viewed.

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Notice of Violation per Zoning Administrator – Rescind or Leave on Record – Saltus and S Brace – Zoning Administrator had informed the board that the violations had been cleared up but he needed the Select Board to sign off on the violations. **J Viskup moved to rescind the notice of violations for Saltus and S. Brace. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Correspondence - All correspondence was reviewed. **B Tarallo made a motion to increase the spending limit on the Town Clerk's Town credit card from \$500 to \$1000 a month. H Hall 2nd. All approved.**

Town Hall committee met. Upstairs bathroom will be working for Town Meeting. On February 22 there will be a walk through at Town Hall with H LeBeouf, Megan from Efficiency Vermont and H Hall.

GMP proposed Solar Field on Panton Road (Possible Executive Session) – D Raphael gave an update of what he had been doing; requesting additional time from Judith Whitney, Clerk of PSB to respond to the project, spoke to A Lougee and J Carroll, Esq. for their responses and J Oliver of the Dept. of Public Service. E Markowski had questions regarding what the Town hoped to receive from the solar siting. It was explained that most of this would be discussed in the Executive Session but that there needed to be coordination in road work that is going to be done in the spring to ensure that the road and its edges are not damaged due to installation of the panels and construction vehicles going to and from the site. There was other discussion about what GMP had done with other Towns that had sites in their Towns.

At 8:44 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion that premature public disclosure of legal counsel's advice re: legal options in connection with the Select Board's deliberations concerning the proposed GMP solar field on Panton re, as advised by counsel, will place Panton at substantial disadvantage. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

B Tarallo made motion to enter Executive Session in order to discuss the proposed solar field and hear legal counsel's advice, as communicated by D Raphael, DRB Chair. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Motion by B Tarallo to invite D Raphael and J Dayton to the Executive Session. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

At 9:25 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion to exit Executive Session. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

B Tarallo motion to hire Ben Marks as legal counsel re: proposed GMP solar field on Panton Road not to exceed \$2000. D Raphael to contact Ben Marks. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Adjourn – **At 9:26 P.M. J Viskup made motion to adjourn. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk