

DRAFT
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
July 12, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall

Beth Tarallo, Chair

Administration:

Jean Miller, Clerk

Diane Merrill, Treasurer

Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman

Eben Markowski, Dog Warden

Guests:

Brian Otley, GMP

Shawn Enterline, EV

Paul Markowitz, EV

Katie Werthmann

Jim Carroll, Esq.

Hans Vorsteveld

B Tarallo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

B Tarallo made a motion to add J Budaj fire bill to the agenda under correspondence. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

B Tarallo made a motion to add Arnold Bay Monument to the agenda under road foreman report. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Review/Approve Minutes of June 28, 2016 – **H Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of June 28, 2016. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Road Foreman Report – Spaulding Road to be graveled to bring it up to grade. Road Foreman received a complaint from a Vergennes resident regarding the mix that the Town was using on gravel roads popping his bicycle tires. Jeff from Pike where the mix is purchased from will contact the person. E Markowski stated that he and Heidi ride their bikes which have skinny tires on the gravel roads and have not had any problems.

On July 26, 2016 the privacy fence should be installed at the Park n Ride.

High Risk Roads are supposed to supply signs on Pease Road, Arnold Bay Road, Jersey Street and Panton Corners. Road Foreman will contact them to see when this will happen.

Arnold Bay Monument – Arnold Bay Monument had been located on land that was purchased by D Hopper. It was in the way when D Hopper was having a mound system put in. The construction people doing the work moved the monument and the plaque was dislodged from the stone. The construction people brought the stone and plaque to the Town garage last fall. The stone and plaque remained at the garage all winter. Due to it being in the way and the Road Foreman concerns it might get damaged, he tried to contact D Hopper and the construction people regarding the stone and plaque that D Hopper was going to have repaired and fix a site on his property for it. Contact was not made and Road Foreman asked at a SB meeting if he could hire Gabe Bushey to repair the monument. SB agreed to it. Monument was repaired and place at Town Beach. D Hopper was asked to provide a proposed site plan, timeline and what it would look like. He has supplied it. During some of the construction Adams Ferry Road was dug up and repaired with cold patch because the asphalt facilities had already shut down for the winter. At present time the road has settled and it needs to be fixed correctly. B Tarallo will reach out to D Hopper with some remaining questions and concerns.

Road Impact Study – Discussion ensued regarding requesting that an impact study be done from Pease Road down Arnold Bay Road, Adams Ferry Road and Jersey Street. Heavy equipment has been using these roads during various constructions and it is felt that the weight and speed of the equipment has had and will have a big impact on the roads.

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

Financials – Financials were reviewed. **H Hall made a motion to accept the financials dated May 31, 2016 as presented by the Treasurer. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

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GMP/ B Otley Update – Street light has been installed at the Park n Ride. The charging station at the Park n Ride is operational. GMP will be sending the SB a proposal regarding making the Town Hall and Town Garage more energy efficient before the next SB meeting with GMP funding some of the work. The engineers for the planned solar site on Panton Road feel that the battery system should be located on the site with the Solar Panels not at the Town Garage. B Otley will check with the engineers to see why.

Discussion ensued on how to launch Town involvement in energy efficiency project. GMP is planning to host a get together for August 23, 2016 with State and Local dignitaries attending the gathering and giving their support for this Panton project. The program will explain structure and timing, a possible fun fair and barbeque. August 4, 2016 is the date GMP will host an earlier session to start getting people involved and to help get the word out for the August 23rd event.

Public Comment – K Werthmann, a Town Hall Committee member felt that the Committee should have more involvement in Town Hall and Garage upgrades that are being proposed. She feels there should be two separate committees, a building committee and a cupola committee. SB explained that they have not received a formal proposal to forward to the Committee.

Appointment of Town Clerk, Treasurer & Delinquent Tax Collector – **H Hall made a motion to appoint Jean Miller as Town Clerk, Diane Merrill as Treasurer and Barbara Fleming as Delinquent Tax Collector for the fiscal year 2017, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Loose Dog Report Curtis – Tabled.

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed. Vergennes Fire Department had sent the Town of Panton a bill regarding a fire at John Budaj's residence. The Town in turn billed J Budaj. J Budaj had gotten a fire permit from the Fire Warden. He doesn't feel that he should be billed because it was a permitted fire and it was not out of control. B Tarallo will contact the Fire Dept. with this issue.

Jim Carroll, Esq. (counsel) Re: Vorsteveld Jersey Street Right of Way Permit Request – J Carroll gave an update on the requested changes/revisions that have been on going and some of the language revised. He has done the revisions and would like the board to look at them. H Hall expressed that the Town has spent a large amount of money on this permit request and there has been no payback to the Town. **At 8:40 P.M. H Hall made a motion based on the deliberations of the 1111 permit and to confer with counsel and by the advice of counsel it would put the Town at a disadvantage for premature disclosure of the information and attorney/client communications with the 1111 permit and on that basis would like to go into Executive Session. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

H Hall made a motion to go into Executive Session and invited J Carroll, Esq. to attend. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.

At 9:15 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion to exit Executive Session. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

No action was taken.

B Tarallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 P.M. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk