

DRAFT
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
September 13, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Co-chair
John Viskup

Administration:

Diane Merrill, Treasurer
Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman
Jean Miller, Clerk
Barbara Fleming, Del. Tax Col

Guests:

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| Robert Porter II | Peter Zimmerman |
| Harold Sheldon | Jeff Fritz |
| Brian Otley, GMP | Andrew Fritz |
| Phillip Wildasin | Paula Moore |
| Danielle Plooffe-Wineman | |
| Judi Fisher | Carlotta Tippet |
| Cheryl McEwan | Roy R. Shea |
| Beverly Biello | Ed Biello |
| Katia Berger | Mark Berger |
| Lynn Donnelly | |

Call Meeting to Order – H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Select Board Reorganization – **J. Viskup made a motion to appoint H. Hall as Chair. H. Hall 2nd. All approved. H. Hall made a motion to appoint J. Viskup as Vice Chair. J. Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

Review/Approve Minutes of Select Board meeting of August 23, 2016 – **J. Viskup made a motion to accept the minutes of August 23, 2016. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.**

Road Foreman Report – Ditching is completed. Sand is being hauled in for the winter. Cracks in the road will be filled when the rubber come in which is expected to be next week. The 2010 truck has been taken to Green Mountain Kenworth. The radiator that was fixed three years ago has shaken itself apart again. Brian Blacklock is going to try to solder it back together but they think that the inner core is bad. The ERG valve is bad again. There are four culverts to be replaced on Lake and Pease Road.

Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

Review/Approval of Bills and Time Sheets – Bills and Time Sheets were reviewed. Note: The paving expense for Arnold Bay Road was paid using the FY'17 budgeted amount of \$85,000 and a transfer of \$42,315.31 from the Highway Capital Project Fund. It was noted that this transfer was less than the amount that had been anticipated and previously moved as \$59,900.

Financials – July financials were reviewed.

Check-in for Employee Goals – A reminder to employees of the projects that each one is responsible for in the coming months.

Barbara Fleming/Delinquent Taxes Update – B. Fleming gave an update. One property that is overdue owes about half of the amount that is outstanding on delinquent taxes. She will contact K. Brennan regarding people who have not made their payments as agreed. A check was given to the Town and returned by the Bank for insufficient funds, expected to be good now. Treasurer will redeposit it tomorrow. She will keep working on the delinquencies.

GMP/B. Otley Update – Discussion ensued. The Select Board had questions that B. Otley will be looking into regarding Stage 2 of the upgrades. B. Otley expects to give the Select Board the final bid and update the term sheet with the final numbers by the next Select Board meeting at the latest. Twenty five home visits have been done. There are eleven homes that have signed up for the energy audit from the home visits. Four energy audits have already been done.

Public Comments – Most of the public comment was directed to the Junk Ordinance. Three residents had questions regarding the letter and pictures that they had been sent. Discussions took place. The Select Board noted that not one person had been singled out. Twenty separate letters had been sent to different residences stating the residences were out of compliance with the Junk Ordinance and had sixty days to get into compliance. Other neighbors came in, in support of the Town's Junk Ordinance. Some of the concerns that people had were property values, health issues and the picturesque view of the Town. One neighbor volunteered assistance to help in the clean-up of a property and thought that maybe a group could come together in the effort. The offer for assistance was accepted.

There was a question regarding the billing for delinquent taxes that doesn't show the amount that was paid. The person was directed to speak with the Delinquent Tax Collector.

Review DRB Permit Fee Schedule Proposed Changes – **J. Viskup made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the DRB permit fees. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.**

Town Hall Committee - There are two electrical panels in the Town hall. An electrician has informed the Town that the panels are not sufficient to run 4 heat pumps, the electrical panel in the bathroom is not up to code and would need to be move which could be a large expense, the wiring upstairs needs to be brought up to code and the lights need to be rewired.

Review DRB Recommendation to Reduce Number of DRB/PC Board Members from 9 to 7 – After a short discussion – **H. Hall made a motion to reduce the number of DRB/PC Board Members from 9 to 7. J. Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

Implications of the Cerf Grant – Tabled till next Select Board meeting of September 27th.

Posting Evolve Information on Panton Website – Select Board will be contacted and review the information before they make a decision if the information will be posted on the website or if a link will be supplied for people to be able to click on to get the information.

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed.

Adjourn – **J. Viskup made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.**