

DRAFT  
Town of Panton  
Select Board Minutes  
January 10, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Chair  
Zachary Weaver  
John Viskup, Vice Chair (6:47)

Administration:

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

Guests:

Fredrick Goodrich  
Scott Botala, Jr.  
Robert Porter, II  
Mason Evarts  
Phil Wildasin

H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of December 27, 2016 – **Z. Weaver moved to approve the minutes of December 27, 2016. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.**

Public Comment – Kevin Sullivan sent the Select Board a letter regarding his notification of out of compliance with the Junk Ordinance. He stated that the item in question housed property that was in probate court and until it was settled he could not remove it.

Angie and Eric Preston sent a letter regarding the new lights that were installed at the park n ride crosswalk. The lights shine inside their house and blink late at night being a nuisance. The SB will look into reprogramming the lights so they shut off a bit earlier. At this time the lights are scheduled to turn on at 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

H. Hall stated that if people were here for “Public Comment” that at the time public comment was on the agenda would be when it was heard, not later in the meeting.

GMP/B. Otley Update – B. Otley sent an email stating that he had not finished compiling the figures for the Select Board and would like to meet with the Town Hall Committee sometime next week before he presented to the Select Board. H. Hall and K. Werthmann walked through the Town Hall and Town Garage with Green Mountain Power representative. They are talking about putting a new motor in the furnace at the Town Hall, new lights in the garage, heating system upstairs at Town Hall, maybe three heat pumps, fiberglass windows upstairs and insulation, possibly a rinnai type heater to compensate when it is real cold out, fiberglass doors that will all swing out, foam insulation, vent fans for the bathrooms among some of the item addressed then the basics should be covered. For the garage a heat pump in the office and a fifty gallon hot water heater were discussed.

Road Foreman Report – They have been ordering salt as it is use because delivery time is taking about two and a half weeks. The grader has been repaired and all set to go. The valves were also adjusted on it while it was there. They are doing some body work on the cab of the loader. There are some trees at the bridge on Panton Road and Hopkins Road that need to be taken down and Road Foreman asked if it was ok to use contractor services to help with the traffic control. The Select Board Ok'd it. Three batteries were purchase, one for the John Deere tractor and two for the grader.  
Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

Review/Approval of Bill and Time Sheets - Bills and time sheets were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment – People came in late for public comment which H. Hall allowed now.

S. Botala missed the last Select Board meeting when it was asked if the SB would write a letter stating that the speed limits were up or down. H. Hall told him if the Town was subpoenaed the Road Foreman would go to court and testify but the SB would not write a letter.

F. Goodrich asking for a letter and said the Town should have a log book when the signs were put up or missing. The Town does not maintain a log book, therefore could not supply him with the information. J. Viskup stated that when the

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Town hired the Sheriff's Dept. to patrol Town; the Sheriff's Dept. informed the Town that they could not enforce the speed limit because signs were not up.

R. Porter stated that the man from the State Salvage Yard was visiting his property on Wednesday to review the clean-up that had been done to date and to tell him what else needed to be done to satisfy the State.

P. Wildasin asked what the difference would be to restore the cupola as to put on a different one. He was told approximately \$100,000. He also asked about the lead paint on the cupola and disposal of it. He was told if someone wanted the cupola that they would have to sign a waiver regarding the lead paint.

H. Hall told them that the public comment would be at the beginning of the meeting when scheduled and not allowed later in the meeting.

Budget Review – D. Merrill had a couple of questions regarding the budget. H. Hall told her he was meeting with the Road Foreman next week and would try to get the questions answered at that time. She wanted to know if she should budget for a full audit or review. The SB will meet with Telling & Associates and they will go with what they recommendations on the audit or review.

Correspondence – Three certified letters that were mailed regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice of out of compliance with Junk Ordinance were not picked up and were returned by the post office. Discussion about how to get the second notice to the people who did not pick up their letter ensued. A suggestion was made to ask the Sheriff's Office to deliver the letters. J. Viskup will contact the Sheriff's Office to see what the options are.

H. Hall asked about putting the Grand List on the Town website. This will not happen until after Town Meeting.

Adjourn – At 8:05 Z. Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting. J. Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.