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Town of Panton  
Select Board Minutes  
March 28, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Chair  
Zachary Weaver  
Teresa Smith

Administration:

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

Guests:

Katie Werthmann  
Dennis Hopper  
Brian Otley, Green Mountain Power  
Eben Markowski

1. Call Meeting to Order – H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.
2. Select Board Reorganization – **Z. Weaver made a motion to nominate Howard Hall as chair. T. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. T. Smith made a motion to nominate Zachary Weaver as vice chair. H. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.** Selectboard Rules of Procedure were reviewed. **Z. Weaver made a motion to adopt the Panton Selectboard Rules of Procedure. T. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.** These Rules of Procedure will be posted on the Panton website.
3. Review/Approve Minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. 2017 – **H. Hall moved to accept the minutes of February 28, 6:15 P.M. meeting and 6:30 P.M. meeting. Z. Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**
4. Citizen’s Comments (Opportunity to raise/address issues not on the agenda – None

**H. Hall made a motion to add the memo from the Town Hall Committee to the agenda after #5. Z. Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

5. Brian Otley/GMP Update - B. Otley reviewed the GMP proposal. The concept was to take the Town’s current spending on the 2 locations, Town office and Town garage, on electricity and fossil fuels and use that as their budget. They took the costs for one year and averaged it out to a monthly expenditure. The energy efficiency upgrades would result in a lower expense and the savings would be used to pay for the upgrades that are proposed. B. Otley went over all the suggested improvements. A handout was given with the detailed information of what work would be performed will be posted after these minutes.

Town Hall Committee Memo – The memo from the Town Hall Committee was not received until this morning. It was then forwarded to the Selectboard for their review. The committee is asking the Selectboard to hold off on the proposed GMP upgrades. If the SB does not approve the upgrades that have been given to date, GMP will lose their contractors and they will have to do the estimates and everything all over. GMP cannot tell what the delay would do the current prices that have been quoted. The SB is not in favor of delaying the GMP evolve project. This will be addressed at the next SB meeting.

6. Road Foreman Report – Winter equipment has been put back on the grader. Road Foreman is on vacation next week. C. Dion will be grading the roads next week if the frost is out of the ground. The road crew has been doing body work on the loader so it can be painted. There is still money in the winter budget. 2 loads of salt will be ordered to fill up the salt shed for next winter. Road Foreman asked if E. Markowski could attend the meeting tonight. Rick has priced out all the signs, posts and cost of drilling to replace/update the signage that High Risk Roads proposed the Town do at a cost of approximately \$10,000. High Risk Roads was supposed to do this work and they have said it would be delayed another 2 years. Initially this was started in 2007. The State came in at one point and identified the high risk areas and now the concern is who is liable since the areas have been identified. These costs have not been estimated in the budget. E. Markowski is taking the information to Addison Regional to see if they foresee this ever happening.

Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

7. Pick Up Truck – Road Foreman went to 3 dealers that had the State contract. It's called a Fleet Contract. He couldn't get them to dicker with the price. The only leverage was the trade-in. Of the 3 dealers Deneckers gave the Town the best deal. The truck would have a bumper to bumper warranty for 75,000 miles, a sprayed liner, 2-way radio, extra set of rims and tires, strobe light for plowing, Town of Panton lettering and a self-leveler for the plow at a rough cost of \$61,000. This will be firmed up at the next SB meeting.
8. Review/Approval of Bills and Time Sheets – Bills and Time sheets were reviewed and approved.  
Financials – Financials were reviewed. **H. Hall moved to accept the financials dated February 29, 2017 as presented by the Treasurer. Z. Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**
9. Appointment of Officers – Positions are open on various Boards. The Selectboard is looking for residents that might be interested in filling any of these slots. An email will be sent to the Panton email list and a note on Front Porch Forum.
- 10.-11. Water Front Grant – FY 2018 Better Roads Grant - As you drive down to the Town beach the bank is sliding and eroding on the bottom. The State wants it to be corrected with vegetation, mats and some stone. There is a section that has washed out and will need to be filled with stone. The grant will be in the sum of \$40,000. \$15,000 match would be the Town's responsibility (man and equipment hours). **Z. Weaver moved to accept the Better Road Grant. T. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**
12. Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed. The Homeward Bound contract was signed. The Town went with unlimited amount of animals for the yearly contract.  
**Z. Weaver made a motion to change the next Selectboard meeting from 6:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. H. Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**
13. Adjourn – **T. Smith moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Z. Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**