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Selectboard Meeting

February 26, 2019

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Howard Hall, Zachary Weaver, and Teresa Smith. Also present was Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia.

At 6:45pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. There were no additions, removals, or adjustments to the agenda.
3. Teresa Smith moved to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.
4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
5. FY2020 Municipal Highway Grants – The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the FY2020 Municipal Highway Grants; one being the Paving Grant for repair to Jersey Street with the estimated project amount of \$183,419.20 and the other being the Structures Grant for culvert replacement on Panton Road with the estimated project amount of \$124,874. Howard Hall moved to accept the two grants, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.
6. Town Meeting Preparation – Teresa Smith updated the Board on the plans being put into place for Town Meeting to include babysitting which will give parents the ability to attend Town Meeting and she advised them that she is working on revising the PowerPoint presentation for Town Meeting. The Board discussed possible appointments of Town Moderator for Town Meeting due to the recent resignation of Doug Dows. The Board discussed the idea of talking to Panton residents at Town Meeting about sharing a new salt shed with the City of Vergennes and the Town of Waltham. Howard advised that he will talk to Waltham Selectboard Member Tim Ryan. Teresa Smith stated that she believes it would be a smart idea to split the salt shed three ways.

7. Review of Financials/Timesheets – The list of invoices, timesheets, and January financials were reviewed.

8. Communications – The Board reviewed an employee letter for the file. Howard advised the Board that he received an email from Carolyn Weir of the Walter Cerf Fund inquiring about the status of the Cupola Restoration Project. The Board further discussed the project. Howard stated that regarding the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), he would like to talk with Road Foreman Rick Cloutier about fixing and maintaining the Panton Road bridge.

Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia presented to the Board a letter of request to use Town roads for a charity bike ride on Saturday, August 3, 2019 from the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Zachary Weaver moved to accept the bike ride through the Town of Panton, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Town Treasurer/Clerk advised the Board that Road Foreman Rick Cloutier had received numerous phone calls from State Police dispatch during the afternoon regarding the access to the Class 4 road off of Jackson Road. Pam stated that she contacted the VT League of Cities and Towns to inquire about a Class 4 Highway Policy. The Board further discussed the information given and determined that a Class 4 Highway Policy should be put into place now and work towards combining the highway policy with highway rights-of-way into an ordinance. Howard Hall moved to have Pam write up the proposal as a policy on Page 3, 4, 5 to meet the needs of the Town. Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

The Board discussed appointed officers who are due for reappointment in March 2019. Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that letters of term expiration will be mailed to appointed officers whose terms are up asking if they would like to be reappointed. It was also brought to the Board's attention that Diana Raphael will be resigning from the Addison Northwest District School Board as the representative for the Town of Panton effective March 1, 2019.

The Board briefly discussed FY19/20 budget increases of area towns.

At 7:51pm, Teresa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia
Town Treasurer/Clerk

