



## ***Town of Panton Chartered 1761***

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Selectboard Meeting 3/12/2019

Members Present: Howard Hall, Teresa Smith & Zachary Weaver

Others Present: Linda Devino, Jeff Fritz and Matt Chabot

Howard Hall called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Howard Hall noted additions to the agenda. Jeff Fritz Mayor of Vergennes would speak to the board and the meeting will include an Executive Session. Zach Weaver moved to add these items to the agenda Teresa Smith second and the vote was unanimous in favor.
3. Election of Chairperson for Selectboard. The board members discussed the election of a Chairperson for the upcoming year. They agreed that being on the board is a team effort and no one person has more authority than any other. All three members noted their willingness to hold the Chair position. Zach suggested a weekly email between board members as well as department heads (i.e. Pam Correia & Rick Cloutier) may be a good idea to keep everyone informed of what is in process. Teresa Smith nominated Howard Hall as chairman of the Selectboard for 2019/2020. Zach Weaver second and Howard Hall was unanimously voted chairperson. Howard Hall presented the Panton Selectboard Rules of Procedure for re-adoption. Teresa Smith moved to accept them as written. Zach Weaver second. The vote was unanimous in favor and the Rules of Procedure were adopted.
4. Teresa Smith moved to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting. Zach Weaver second, the vote was unanimous and the minutes were accepted as written.

5. Vergennes City Mayor Jeff Fritz spoke in regard to the new Economic Corridor (or the Truck bypass as it has been known). Mayor Fritz noted that the City has been working to keep the entire project within City limits. He said he came to Pantton because at some point in the past few decades Pantton put in writing opposition to the bypass as it was planned at that time. Then, the bypass was to include some of Pantton's land. What mayor Fritz would like is a letter from Pantton rescinding the earlier letter and showing support of the current route for the Economic Corridor. Matt Chabot noted they were made aware of this previous letter by Joe Segaly of the Secretary of Transportation office. Jeff Fritz said he and/or Matt Chabot will look into when the letter was written. Howard Hall said we would look into Town records for a copy of it as well.
6. The Road Forman was not able to attend the board meeting. Howard Hall noted that Rick Cloutier was fairly comfortable with the amounts of salt and sand he has to finish out the winter road care. There was some continued discussion of sharing a salt shed with neighboring towns. Howard Hall said he had had a conversation with Rick Cloutier who stated his concerns over having 3 towns using one salt shed. They also discussed the cost of a new shed which would need to be built for this to be possible.
7. Howard Hall presented the board with a proposed Class 4 Highway Policy for the Town of Pantton. The board members discussed how it would not affect or change the current status of the roads just that is would be a policy for maintenance and use thereof. Zach Weaver moved to accept the policy as written. Teresa Smith second, the vote was unanimous in favor and the policy was adopted. After some discussion of why the policy is needed, Howard Hall said the town would also need to adopt an ordinance to regulate any violations of the policy. Howard Hall also noted that he would like to include usage of the town's right of way in the ordinance as well so as to cover all aspect of the use of Pantton's roads including but not limited to culverts, waterlines, power lines, tree cutting etc.
8. Town Hall Committee: Howard noted the receipt of a new bid from Joe Duffy of Campbellsville Industries for a replica cupola. Howard Hall said he has spoken with Caroline Weir of the Walter Cerf Fund and explained why we need to not put a wooden cupola on the building. The plan is to make sure there are monies in the budget to pay the McKernon Group to reinforce the roof rafters to support the cupola and then borrow the balance to replace the cupola with the aluminum one. Howard Hall commented that Kevin Sullivan has started to dismantle the carriage barn. He also noted that the Vergennes Fire Department is agreeable to using the schoolhouse at 2163 Pantton Road as a practice burn but the town would have to first remove the shingles from the roof for this to happen.
9. Appointment of Town officers: Zach Weaver nominated Teresa Smith as vice chair. Howard second and the vote was unanimous in favor. The 3-5-19 list of write-in votes for

our elected officials was discussed. Linda Devino noted that everyone was contacted not all people have responded. The list of appointed officials for the upcoming year was discussed. Linda Devino noted all those contacted have responded positively. The only exception was that we have not heard from Jamie Dayton and Eben Markowski. Teresa Smith moved to reappoint all the positions with the exception of Eben Markowski. Zach Weaver second and the Officers were re-appointed by a unanimous vote.

10. The lists of invoices and timesheets were reviewed, discussed and approved.
11. Communications – A 3-4-2019 Letter to the Editor in the Addison Independent was discussed. The Selectboard members decided no response or rebuttal was needed. The attendance of Town Meeting was discussed and the Board noted they were very happy with the turnout. Howard Hall noted his sincere appreciation for the support from the town by his re-election. Teresa Smith commented on the Town's posting board on Jackson Road. She feels a system should be put in place to remove notices in a timelier manner. Ideas and suggestions were discussed and will be followed up on.
12. Howard Hall moved to begin an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Zach Weaver second. The vote was unanimous and the Board went into Executive Session at 7:28pm.
13. The Selectboard took no action during executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino  
Assistant Town Clerk