



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

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Selectboard Meeting

April 23, 2019

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Howard Hall and Zachary Weaver. Also present was Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia, Constable Nathan Barcomb, and DRB Chair David Raphael.

At 6:33pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. Additions, removals, or adjustments to the agenda – Constable Nathan Barcomb was added to the agenda and the accounts payable warrant and timesheets were reviewed prior to Item #5 - Cupola Project.

3. Howard Hall moved to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes, with no corrections. Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.

4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

The Board spoke with newly elected Constable Nathan Barcomb about his new position as constable and elaborated on the duties of the constable. Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised Nathan that she would be in touch with him regarding the dog warrant in June.

The accounts payable warrant and timesheets were reviewed. The Board asked about the transition for cleaning services and briefly discussed the hourly rate for the services.

5. Cupola Project – David Raphael thanked the Board for their persistence in making the arrangements for the purchase of the new cupola. Howard Hall stated that The McKernon Group is all set to beef up the rafters and has gotten the estimate from Brown's for the lift. Howard advised the Board that Caroline Weir of the Walter Cerf Fund Committee will be expecting invoices related to the cupola installation and she will be re-disbursing the \$17,000 of the unspent grant funds. A brief discussion followed regarding removal of the old cupola. Howard advised that Hans Vorsteveld will be taking the old cupola which can go anywhere except in the

Town right of way and a \$1,000 deposit will be held with a timeline for removal.

6. Class 4 Roads & Town Right of Way/Town Plan Language – David Raphael stated that the DRB/PC is almost complete with the Energy Plan. Brief discussion was held regarding permitting for tree and brush removal and it was agreed to alert zoning of the activity. More discussion followed regarding the Energy Plan. David stated that the public hearing will be warned in June as an amendment to the Town Plan. Howard Hall advised that the Town is working with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission on the Town right-of-way language and thought it could be placed in the Town Plan. Howard also advised that the Town is working with Town attorney Jim Carroll regarding the class 4 roads and Town right-of-way ordinances and will get a draft to David Raphael in order to package it with the Energy Plan to be included with the amendment to the Town Plan.

7. Vergennes Economic Corridor – Discussion was held regarding the impact the Vergennes Economic Corridor would have on the Town of Panton. Howard Hall stated that he would like the citizens to vote on the issue versus the Board endorsing the planned corridor. David Raphael stated his concern about a whole amendment process to the Town Plan showing the change in regard to the corridor. Further discussion followed regarding bypass options to solve the truck problem. Zachary Weaver suggested drafting a letter of endorsement with written conditions in writing. The Board stated that they would like some assurances and is not willing to give an endorsement at this point in order to take time to obtain more information.

David Raphael advised the Board that The Planning Commission asked him to introduce to the Board the water quality on the lake and would like to hold an informational meeting inviting the public and State agencies to attend. David stated that he was also asked to contact Adam Lougee at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to inquire if the Regional Planning Commission would be willing to help organize and sponsor the meeting this summer or fall. Howard Hall advised that the Board is also trying to schedule a meeting with the Department of Agriculture to talk about the recent manure run-off.

8. Review/Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant, Timesheets, and Financials – The March financials were reviewed.

#### 9. Communications

- VT Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS) Group Change – Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia asked the Board if they would consider offering the higher VMERS Group C to its eligible employees. Pam provided an explanation of the present Group A participation versus the higher Group C offering. Further discussion followed. The Board was in agreement that with participation in the higher Group C offering an employee could begin drawing sooner relative to age and years of service and would be beneficial to eligible employees. The Board stated that they would like to continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.

- Town Moderator – Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that Eric Carter accepted the Moderator position as a Town Meeting Day write-in.
- Panton Cemeteries – Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that she had spoken with both Barb Fleming and Claudia Allen from the Cemetery Association, but there has not been a meeting arranged to discuss the mowing of cemeteries in town.
- ACRPC/Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment Forms – Appointment forms to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee were reviewed and signed by the Board.
- Howard Hall stated that he would like the Board to hold a meet and greet again this year for Green Up Day at the Town Hall as they did last year. The Board was in agreement.
- VUHS Senior Give Back Day – Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia advised the Board that Lee Shorey from Vergennes Union High School is in the process of organizing another Senior Give Back Day and would like to contribute to the Town of Panton as there are many graduating seniors from Panton this year. The Senior Give Back Day will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia stated that taxes are due on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and she will be keeping the office open until 6pm that day to give added convenience to taxpayers since the office would be closed on Thursday, May 2, 2019 in order for office staff to attend the Annual VMCTA Spring Clerk/Treasurer Training.

At 8:12pm, Howard Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia  
Town Treasurer/Clerk