



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

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Selectboard Meeting

November 26, 2019

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Howard Hall and Teresa Smith. Also present was Town Clerk/Treasurer Pam Correia, Hans Vorsteveld, Gerard Vorsteveld, and Isaac Van Wyck.

At 6:28pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. Additions, Removals, or Adjustments to the Agenda – Howard Hall added to the agenda appointments of an alternate representative to the Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) and representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Pam Correia advised the Board that the review of the September financials should be corrected to read the October financials.

3. Teresa Smith moved to approve the November 12, 2019 minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

4. Public Comments – Gerard Vorsteveld and Hans Vorsteveld approached the Board stating that they would like to cut some trees down on South Road and are looking for permission from the Town. Howard Hall stated that South Road is considered a trail and the Town right of way is the trail itself with no right of way. Howard advised Hans that what they do on South Road is ok if it is on their property and he would like him to talk to Rick Cloutier as the Town Tree Warden before they do any cutting. The Vorsteveld's advised the Board that they were directed to speak to the Panton Selectboard regarding the issue. Isaac Van Wyck stated that he was informed that South Road is a Town trail but on the Vorsteveld's property and there are no trees in the Town trail. The Vorsteveld's conveyed that they spoke with the Town and the responsibility is on the trail alone. Isaac advised the Board that he will be cutting the trees and they will be going to Burlington Electric. Isaac added that the forester wants written permission from the authority of the Town. Howard reiterated to the Vorsteveld's that they will need to contact Rick Cloutier and he could give them a letter as the authority of the Tree Warden of Panton to cut the trees.

5. Town Plan Amendments – The Board agreed to table the discussion of the Town Plan Amendments until there is a full Board.

6. Highway Department Storage/Salt Shed – The Board briefly discussed interest rates to consider if the Town was to borrow funds to replace the storage/salt shed. The Board requested that Pam Correia reach out to some other banks to inquire about their interest rates.

7. Review/Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant, Timesheets, and Financials – The accounts payable warrant, timesheets, and October financials were reviewed. Teresa Smith moved to accept the October financials as written, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. Pam Correia advised the Board that the accounts payable warrant included an expense to RCI Electric for the installation of the lightning rod on the cupola. Pam requested that this expense be covered by the Town Hall Restoration Fund. Teresa Smith moved to withdraw \$667 for RCI Electric from the Town Hall Restoration Fund, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. The Board briefly discussed dates to work on and complete the FY2020/21 budget for adoption.

8. Communications – Pam Correia advised the Board that the insurance claim regarding the Pease Road incident with a down tree was denied.

At 7:10pm, Howard Hall moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313(a)(1)(F) of the Vermont Statutes, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

At 7:20pm, Howard Hall moved to leave executive session, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Teresa Smith moved to accept the letter to Secretary Flynn with the proposed changes, Howard Hall seconded.

Teresa Smith moved to accept and sign Terry Harris' business proposal, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

The Board briefly discussed the appointments of representatives to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD). Teresa Smith moved to appoint David Raphael as the TAC representative and Todd Presson as the ACSWMD alternate representative, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

At 7:25pm, Teresa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia

Town Clerk/Treasurer