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Selectboard Meeting

January 28, 2020

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

At 6:35pm, 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 January 14, 2020 Special Selectboard meeting minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. Teresa Smith moved to approve the January 14, 2020 Selectboard meeting minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.
4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
5. Town Meeting Preparation – Town Moderator Eric Carter reviewed with the Board the procedures he would be following for the March, 2020 Town Meeting. Eric also advised the Board that he will be attending the VLCT Town Meeting Tune-up in February as a refresher to his position as moderator. Teresa Smith advised the Board that she has arranged for childcare to again be provided during the evening of Town Meeting.
6. Adopt 2020 Town Meeting Warning – The Board briefly discussed and reviewed the proposed Town Meeting Warning for adoption. Howard Hall moved to accept the Annual Town Meeting articles for Monday, March 2, 2020. Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.
7. Town Plan Adoption – Pam Correia advised the Board that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on November 14, 2019 to consider the adoption of amendments to the 2017 Town Plan. She added that the next step is for the Selectboard to hold a public hearing which would complete the adoption process. Pam suggested that the public hearing be held on

February 25, 2020 as she would need to warn the hearing fifteen days prior and any earlier date would not allow enough time before the next Selectboard meeting on February 11, 2020. Howard Hall moved to have a public hearing for adoption of the Town Plan at 6pm on February 25, 2020, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

8. Review/Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant, Timesheets, and Financials – The accounts payable warrant, timesheets, and December financials were reviewed. The Board briefly discussed the Town Hall Restoration Fund (THRF) and Howard Hall noted that the only work still needing to be done where the expense would need to be covered by the THRF would be the painting of the outside of Town Hall. Howard Hall moved to accept the December financials as written, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Zachary Weaver joined the meeting.

9. Communications – Howard Hall advised that he is meeting with Vergennes City Manager Daniel Hofman to discuss cooperation between the Panton and Vergennes communities and police department services. The Board discussed an email received from Anna Hopper regarding the Tree Warden position being elected versus appointed. Anna conveyed to the Board's response that she does not need clarification and was acting by statute. This discussion led to further discussion regarding the South Road trail. Pam Correia advised the Board that documentation was received regarding Turkey Lane which needed some attention from the Selectboard. Howard Hall confirmed that he will contact the Town attorney regarding the matter. Brief discussion followed regarding the preparation for Town Meeting and a presentation of the damage to the salt shed.

At 7:43pm, Teresa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia
Town Clerk/Treasurer