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Panton Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 6:30 pm
Panton Town Hall and Via Zoom

Selectboard members present: Howard Hall and Teresa Smith. Zoom participants: Sandy Fogg; Bob Groff. Via phone: Zach Weaver. In person: Rick Cloutier; David Rheume; Paula Moore; Michael Catillaz.

1. Howard Hall called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm
2. Additions, deletions or adjustments to the agenda – Howard Hall moved to add the agenda item “Approval of the Minutes” and delete “Potential Litigation” from the executive session agenda item. Teresa Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes – Teresa moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting as written, and Howard seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.
4. Public Comments – Paula Moore asked on behalf of the Bixby Library if the town would consider paying its annual assessment earlier than usual this fiscal year. Howard indicated that they would need to check with the assistant clerk to determine if this is feasible.
5. Road Foreman Report – Rick Cloutier reported that the Dead Creek Bridge was built in 1935 and reconstructed in 1992. There is no immediate issue now with the abutment, but he plans to repair it in the spring of 2021. Rick expressed concern about the equipment replacement list. Teresa asked that the selectboard have a work session with Rick to discuss the road equipment and asked that it be scheduled on a Wednesday afternoon. Rick was thanked for his continuing efforts on behalf of the town.

David Rheume asked about the delay in the construction of the salt shed. Howard explained the article to vote on the loan for the salt shed was omitted from the town meeting day election and therefore the town could not borrow the necessary funds for construction. The plan is to place the article on the ballot for the March 2021 election. The selectboard also thanked David Rheume for his hard work on the Arnold Bay boat ramp construction.

6. Preparation for the November General Election – The election will take place at the town garage, with the same process used in the August primary. Teresa asked several questions about the procedures for mail-in ballots and in-person voting. Howard will follow up with the assistant town clerk.
7. Update from the Town Clerk Search Committee – The report will be given in executive session.
8. Review/Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant & Timesheets – Howard moved to approve the warrant, NEMRC contract, Jackman Fuels contract and timesheets. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
9. Communications – Town Agent Sandy Fogg was asked contact Attorney Benjamin Putnam to arrange a survey of South Road.
10. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Employment - Howard moved and Teresa seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment. Michael Catillaz was invited to remain. All in favor; the motion passed. The selectboard went into executive session at 7:06 pm.

Zach Weaver moved and Teresa seconded the motion to return to open session. All in favor; the motion passed. The selectboard reconvened in open session at 8:45 pm. Teresa moved to extend an offer to employment to Maggie McCormick as the new Panton town clerk-treasurer, and Howard seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.
11. Adjournment - Zach moved and Teresa seconded the motion to adjourn. All in favor; the motion passed. The meeting ended at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Moore
Minutes Taker