



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

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### **Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Member Teresa Smith, Road Foreman Rick Cloutier, Vergennes Panton Water District Superintendent Jon Deming, Water District representative Sean Willerford, Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick

Via Zoom: Selectboard Member Zach Weaver, Water District Commission Chair Meddie Perry, WSP Representative Bryan Pounds, DuBois, and King Project Manager Ken Robie.

DRB/PC Chair David Raphael joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.  
Addison County Regional Planning Committee (ACRPC) Transportation Planner Mike Winslow and VTrans Representative Joe Segale joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

1. Call to order: Howard called the meeting to order at a 5:34 p.m.
2. Additions/deletions to agenda
  - a. Howard moved to add highway Equipment Grant Application and Selectboard approval of Arnold Bay survey award to Otter Creek Engineering to the agenda. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
3. Approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Selectboard meeting
  - a. Teresa moved to accept the minutes as written. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
4. Vergennes-Panton Water District presentation for potential ARPA fund projects
  - a. Jon Deming, Superintendent
  - b. Meddie Perry, Chair of Board of Commissioners
  - c. Jon provided background on VPWD, presentation will be added to Panton website
  - d. Howard asked how VPWD planned to fund repairs if ARPA money hadn't been awarded. Meddie replied that the district receives loans from the Vermont revolving fund and USDA financing.
  - e. Howard requested more information on how Panton's ARPA money would be spend if awarded to VPWD.Q: If no ARPA funding, how would they pay for upgrades
  - f. Howard cited the last time VPWD made a presentation to the Selectboard and stated that the board's questions remain unanswered. Sean stated that Teresa had indicated at that meeting that she would take the next step with Panton residents, so VPWD has been waiting on that. It was acknowledged that Jon had delivered a map



planting in the spring of between 30 and 40 trees and a maintenance plan will be put in place.

- b. Tom Herbick asked how an open auditor position is filled and was told it is an elected position, with the Selectboard able to appoint an auditor if no one is elected. He was directed to send letter of intent to the Selectboard if he would like to be considered for appointment.
12. Communications
- a. Deb Hartenstein asked about the Panton Solar Field plantings and questioned whether surrounding agricultural uses were diverting needed water and/or delivering herbicide run-off. David replied that the site has been monitored and no substantial impact from agricultural use and reiterated that the plants are recovering and the new contractor is doing a good job of maintenance, including watering.
13. Review/approval of accounts payable warrant, timesheets & payroll warrant
14. Executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and Junk Ordinance enforcement.
- a. David Raphael and Brad Dewey were invited to participate in executive session.
  - b. Howard moved to go into executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board entered executive session at 6:54 p.m.
  - c. Teresa moved to exit executive session. Howard seconded. All in favor; the board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.
15. Teresa moved to award a Town employee a one-time bonus the equivalent of one week's pay. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
16. Howard moved to accept the timesheets, payroll, and accounts payable warrants. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed. H warrants, TS
17. Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie McCormick  
Clerk-Treasurer