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Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
November 15, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Chair
John Viskup, Co-chair
Zachary Weaver

Administration:

Diane Merrill, Treasurer
Jean Miller, Clerk
Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman

Guests:

Fredrick Goodrich
Scott Botala, Jr.
Katie Werthmann
Brian Otley

Call Meeting to Order – H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of Select Board Meeting of October 25, 2016 – J. Viskup moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016. H. Hall 2nd. Approved.

H. Hall moved to add Town Hall Committee – Katie Werthmann to the agenda at 8:15. J. Viskup 2nd. All approved.

Public Comment – None

Road Foreman Report – R. Cloutier discussed with the Select Board, Fredrick Goodrich coming in at the 7:45 P.M. time slot regarding a letter that he wanted the Town to write regarding a speed limit sign that was missing on Button Bay Road. It was felt that the letter should be written by the Town of Ferrisburg because that was where the accident took place.

Most of the culverts are cleaned out and the leafs have been removed in preparation for the coming rain. Discussion of the big culvert on Panton Road that has been dug out and a lot of the stone removed to help the water flow. The stone has been taken back to the Town garage for use at a different site. This needed to be done because the Hydraulic study was done by satellite, not by physically coming out and looking at site and water was staying in the culvert.

The vehicles are set for winter. Winter tires are on.

The Town of Addison wants to split a load of sugar beef juice with Panton. R. Cloutier feels this is good because the delivery is 4500 gallons and Panton does not use that much.

Crosswalk signs will be ordered for the Park N Ride.

They talked about putting up another light at the Park N Ride to brighten up the area. Solar lights were discussed.

Van Wyck from Starksboro will be replacing the center pins on the grader. It will cost approximately \$3500.

The Vergennes Panton Water District has patched the road where they had to dig it up for water line repairs.

Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

Review/Approval of Bills and Time Sheets – Bills and time sheets were reviewed and approved.

J. Viskup moved to pay Murphy, Sullivan & Kronk \$1667, two payments of \$833.50. Z. Weaver 2nd. All approved. The check from the Cerf Grant can be deposited in the General fund and listed as a line item “For Cupola Use Only” or in a separate account. The Town Hall Committee will be responsible for A/R and A/P for the Cupola, the Town Treasurer cannot take on more responsibility at this time.

GMP/B. Otley Update – There was an incident at the large solar site on Panton Road. A report was submitted on Tuesday with the police. B. Otley wanted to be sure that the Select Board knew.

B. Otley brought in a term sheet which contained two parts. Part 1 included the downstairs of the Town Hall and the Town Garage. Part 2 was the work for upstairs of the Town Hall. H. Hall will confer with some associates to see if the prices are reasonable.

GMP has been getting more names for home energy audits. They have not given anyone the term sheets for saving yet but expect to by the end of the month.

A wind turbine was being considered for in back of the garage but the board would like to have the upgrades to the buildings done first.

When work is done it will all be done at one time, upstairs and downstairs being done together.

B. Otley was asked when the plantings around the solar site would happen. B. Otley was not sure but because of the time of year felt it may be in the spring.

Agricola Farm/Fredrick Goodrich – Junk Ordinance and Road Signs – Fredrick Goodrich introduced Scott Botala, Jr. who is his best friend, works at the Agricola Farm and lives in the blue house on the hill. F. Goodrich asked if he missed the time to meet with R. Cloutier because he had requested that he be at the meeting.

There was an accident in December of 2015, F. Goodrich and S. Botala, Jr. were involved (one vehicle). At the time they did not see any speed limit signs when they left the farm. Therefore the speed limit would be 50 M.P.H. What they would like from the Town is a letter to say that the speed limit sign was not marked in Panton at the time to help S. Botala, Jr with the tickets and expenses that were incurred. Although the accident happened in Ferrisburg, the police officers told them the speed limit should have been in effect from where they originated from. They disagree with the report that the State Police wrote regarding the accident. H. Hall told them that he would speak with the Road Foreman and get back to him and schedule another meeting with the Select Board.

Discussion on the Junk Ordinance did not take place.

Preservation of Town Records – The quote for microfilming the remainder of the Town records in the safe was given to the Select Board by Good-Way Document Service \$40,000. This does not include the records that are stored upstairs that have mold and mildew. The Town will see whom other Towns use for microfilming and ask for quotes to compare prices.

Town Hall Committee – Katie Werthmann - K. Werthmann gave the SB a bill from N. LeBoeuf for his consulting fees to date. N. LeBoeuf also will give her a proposal for costs for him to present specs for a new ramp system, front stairs, an ADA compliant bathroom upstairs and a kitchen so the Town could send out requests for bids on the various projects. The memorandum of understanding regarding the cupola has not yet been returned to the Select Board.

H. Hall explained that no one was to contact the Town Attorneys or spend the Town's money without the consent/approval of the Select Board.

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed.

Adjourn – J. Viskup moved to adjourn the meeting. Z. Weaver 2nd. All approved.