

Town of Panton
Special Select Board Minutes
October 3, 2014/6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

John Viskup, Chair
Beth Tarallo
Howard Hall

Administration:

Jean Miller, Clerk

Guests:

Ralph Burt
Hans Vorsteveld

6:02 J. Viskup called the meeting to order.

Public Comment – None

Vorsteveld Farm – Public Right of Way for Parking Milk Trucks – Amended Setback Variance Request – The setback variance request was amended from 23 feet to 25 feet. Old Town records show the road at 6 rods, which is being called into question. Property owner show assumed road width at 3 rods. Rod information needs to be investigated and verified. The Select Board will seek legal counsel to help them with the determination of the rods. They will contact an Attorney and Surveyor to get prices on how much this might cost and to review the letter sent by D Bronson regarding his legal opinion of the rod right of way.

It was explained that sometimes Town government decisions take time, there are proper procedures that have to be followed to schedule a meeting, available times for Select board members, and notice to the Town residents, postings and open meeting laws. The issues can only be discussed at a scheduled meeting (open meeting) and cannot be discussed in private. No one Select board member can act on their own without consulting other members before they engage in any activity regarding the Town. The Select board does not want to make a snap decision. They want to perform a due diligence process.

The Select board has a 7 day comment period regarding the Vorsteveld Farm setback variance request that was sent from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets. They composed a letter to Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Market regarding the setback variance request. Eben Markowski submitted a comment which was attached to the letter.

H Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk