

Town of Panton  
Select Board Minutes  
January 13, 2015/6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

John Viskup, Chair  
Beth Tarallo  
Howard Hall

Administration:

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

Guests:

Bradford Howe

6:30 J Viskup called the meeting to order.

B Tarallo made a motion to remove the review of the draft junk ordinance from the agenda and table it until VLCT can arrange to talk to the Select Board in February or after Town Meeting. J Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

B Tarallo made a motion to add Town Hall Stairs and Town Hall Committee recommendation to the agenda. J Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Review/Approval of January 6, 2015 minutes – J Viskup made a motion to accept the minutes of January 6, 2015. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Bixby Library Update – Brad Howe – B Howe gave an update regarding the library. The money that is being requested from the Town is for operations and special programs. None of the money requested will go to maintenance of the building. It is hoped that parts of the library can be used to help generate revenue in the future.

Road Foreman Report – The new truck is in-line to have the body put on it. This will take about 200 hours. Expected delivery of the truck is sometime in February.

There has been a problem with water on the Pease Road. The Road crew has been ditching and breaking up the ice with the backhoe. Grades have been shot of that section of the road and ditching will be done so it will run to the ravine when weather permits.

There are dead trees on Jersey Street that have been laid down. In the next few weeks the goal is to pick up the trees and chip them.

Financials – Financials were reviewed.

Culvert Policy Draft – R Cloutier was asked to clarify some questions regarding installation of culverts. B Tarallo will make changes to the draft policy and the final draft will be reviewed at the meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery (\$600) – R Cloutier talked to Dick from AOT about the cemetery. A permit is needed from the State before any work can be done. The cemetery is in the State right of way. The boundary lines of the property need to be confirmed. Two of the back pins have been verified but the front pins have not been located. Dick from AOT is going to check and see if there are any State monies available for the fencing of the cemetery. It is planned to meet with him before anything is done to get his recommendations.

Lake Road/Speed Limit Sign – One of the speed limit signs is missing on Lake Road. R Cloutier has ordered another and will install it as soon as it comes in.

R Cloutier is planning on painting the backhoe and the grader.

Review and Approval Bills – Bills were reviewed and approved.

Review Paystubs – Paystubs were reviewed.

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4<sup>th</sup> Pass Draft FYE 2016 Budget Review – D Merrill pointed out some line items to review. There was a lengthy review, recalculations and adjustments to the budget. A special meeting will be warned and scheduled for January 22, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. for final review of the budget and warning for Town Meeting.

Review Draft Town Meeting Warning – Town Meeting Warning was reviewed and will be finalized at January 22, 2015 meeting.

Discussion of Violation of Parcel #034500000 – After discussion of the violation the Select Board made a determination. J Viskup made a motion to abate any fines and give an extension until May 1, 2015 to take corrective action on the violation of parcel # 034500000. If not in compliance by May 1, 2015 litigation will be initiated and resident will be responsible for fines and legal fees. B Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Truck Loan Options Discussion – National Bank of Middlebury will be contacted to get final figures for the budget.

Town Hall Stairs – Town Hall Committee Recommendations – The Select Board is recommending that the Town Hall Committee get two quotes for repair of the stairs at the Town Hall.

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed and acted upon as needed.

J Viskup made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 P.M. B Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk