

Draft
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
September 9, 2015 – 10:15 A.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall

Beth Tarallo

John Viskup, Chair

Administration:

Jean Miller, Clerk

Rick Cloutier, Road Foreman

Guests:

Bob Groff

Jeff Fritz

Bryan Nolen

Todd Eaton, VLR

Jim Ryan, VT DEC Municipal Roads Program

David Chase, Panton

David Rheume, Panton

Liz Haeuel

Andrew Fritz

Diane Lanphere

Judi Fisher, Panton

Marsha Chase, Panton

Beverly Biello

Erich Finley

Karen Horn, VLCT

Alan May, VTrans Better Backroads

Mary Hurlie, Ferrisburgh

Paulette Bogan, Panton

Nate Sands, VT Agency of Ag

Paul Sokal

Hans Vorsteveld

Stu Johnson, Cornwall

J Viskup called the meeting to order at 10:19 A.M.

Each person present introduced themselves.

M Hurlie started by voicing some of the concerns: Farm runoff getting in the lake, replacing existing culverts –what was the best placement, Underground channel of water going into the lake when heavy rains, with heavy rains there is little absorption with the volume runoff and pollutions concerns.

Health of the Lake was said to be the most important concern. Testing of runoff suggested to evaluate what the runoff consists of to identify pollutions that do enter the Lake.

N Sands explained that farms have to go through annual inspections and compliance. There are about 500 pages of regulations that are given to large farms for guidelines. When inspections are done problem areas are looked for and addressed as needed.

J Ryan noted that Natural Resources Vermont Clean Water Bill will involve everyone (farms, residents, truckers, municipalities, boaters, fishermen and anyone else you can think of).

The municipalities should gave a 5 year plan to address erosion on gravel roads (Panton does). The plan consists of addressing the worst areas of erosion first. Land owners will be involved. They will need to allow water on their land to help improve water quality by giving the water a place to go to as opposed to going directly to the Lake. There is no quick fix to the problems that exist. Things change and as things change so do practices.

More discussion ensued during the course of the meeting.

Culverts that were scheduled to be replaced on Arnold Bay Road were viewed.

One it was suggested that the land owner put in a rain garden.

One spot the settlement pond needed to be dug out (excavator will need to be rented).

A catch basin needed replacing on another.

One could use a header on the west side of the culvert. This is the one that has an underground outlet. The Land owner could create a large grassy area to catch some of the water flow to help slow the flow on the East Side of this culvert.

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J Viskup adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.

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