

DRAFT
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
March 8, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall
Beth Tarallo, Chair
John Viskup

Administration:

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

Guests:

James Dayton
Bob Groff
David Raphael
Janah Hammach
Charlotte Ancel
Ben Marks ,Esq.

J Viskup called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of February 23 and February 25, 2016 and March 2, 2016 Town Meeting Minutes – **B Tarallo made a motion to accept the minutes of February 23rd as drafted. H Hall 2nd. All approved. B Tarallo made a motion to accept the minutes of February 25th as drafted. H Hall 2nd. All approved. B Tarallo made a motion to accept the Town Meeting minutes with proposed amendments. H Hall 2nd. All approved.**

SB Rules and Reorganization

SB Organization - J Viskup opened the floor for nomination of Select Board Chair. **J Viskup nominated B Tarallo for Select Board chair. H Hall 2nd. All approved.** J Viskup turned the meeting over to B Tarallo as SB Chair.

B Tarallo opened nominations for a Vice Chair to run the meeting if the Chair was absent. **J Viskup nominated H Hall for Vice Chair. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Minute Taker – **H Hall nominated J Miller as scribe for the SB. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

How Meetings will be Run and Rules of Procedures – **H Hall made a motion to continue to follow Roberts Rules of Order. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.** B Tarallo handed out copies of VLCT Model Rules of Procedure. **H Hall made a motion to Table VLCT Model Rules of Procedure and discuss at the next meeting. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

Road Foreman Report - The roads are posted for mud season.

R Cloutier has been working on Class Two Paving Grant. Available money with grants is \$399,000 which will cover Panton Road from the bridge to Button Bay Road, to Pease Road and the full length of Arnold Bay Road. The third week in April is planned for grinding of the roads so the roads can set thirty days before paving.

The culvert at the corner of Panton Road and Jersey Street will be replaced, one by the old Bingham place and one by Dennis Mueller's. Road Foreman expects closing Panton Road for four days when the culvert at the corner of Panton Road and Jersey Street is done.

R Cloutier will coordinate with GMP so that they can get their equipment for the solar field in place before paving of the roads.

Dig safe has marked by D Mueller's. The ditch will be dug out and a base put under the road so it won't keep pushing out.

3.2 miles will be paved/resurfaced this year. The most the Town has done in one year.

Later in the season two culverts will be replaced on Spaulding Road and two near J Fritz's. If the Town gets another grant that has been applied for the large culvert on Jackson Road will be done.

J Viskup made a motion to accept the bid from D & F Excavating & Paving base amount of \$358,365. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

All major road signs have been replaced.

Better Back Roads is having a meeting at Panton Town Hall on Tuesday, March 15th at 8:30 A.M. The meeting is to go over what funding is available to Towns.

Highway Financials – Highway financials were reviewed.

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Review/Approve Bills – Bills and paystubs were reviewed and approved.

Revision of Authorized signers to Town's Accounts – **H Hall made a motion to remove M Dayton as a signer on National Bank of Middlebury accounts as per her request. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

B Tarallo made a motion to add GMP Proposed Solar Fields at 8:00 P.M. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.

Bob Groff Interest in Auditor Position - B Groff discussed his interest in the auditors' position with the Select Board. He has been in Town for roughly six months and decided it was time to step forward and become involved with the Town.

Appoint Officers - **J Viskup made a motion to appoint B Groff for the three year auditor's position. H Hall 2nd. All approved.**

The Union School Director for a term of four years may have to be posted. B Tarallo is waiting for an answer from JoAn Canning before an appointment is made. Diana Raphael is interested in the position.

Motion made by J Viskup to appoint David Raphael, Howard Hall and Mary Rudd to the DRB for three year terms. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.

B Tarallo made a motion to appoint Paul Sokal as Panton representative to ACSWD. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.

J Viskup made a motion to appoint Howard Hall as Panton's Emergency Management Coordinator. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.

J Viskup made a motion to appoint Paul Sokal as Panton's 911 coordinator. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

J Viskup made a motion to appoint Eben Markowski as Panton's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee and Doug Dows as alternate.

J Viskup made a motion to appoint David Ploof as Panton's Health Officer. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Janah Hammach Interest in Auditors Position – J Hammach discussed her interest in the auditor's position with the Select Board. She wants to give back to the community.

J Viskup nominated Janah Hammach to the Auditor's position for the two year term. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

GMP Proposed Solar Fields – **B Tarallo made a motion that premature public disclosure regarding negotiations in connection with the proposed GMP solar field, will, as advised by counsel place Panton at a substantial disadvantage. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.**

B Tarallo made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the proposed GMP Solar field with counsel. J Viskup 2nd. All approved.

At 9:50 J Viskup made a motion to exit Executive Session. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

B Tarallo made a motion for: SB to warn special meeting for Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss proposed GMP Solar field on Jersey Street. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Train Coalition Letter – **H Hall made a motion not to endorse the Train Coalition letter. B Tarallo 2nd. All approved.**

Correspondence – Correspondence was reviewed.

At 10:10 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. H Hall 2nd. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk