

DRAFT  
Town of Panton  
Select Board Minutes  
April 12, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall  
Beth Tarallo, Chair  
John Viskup

Administration:

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

Guests:

David Palmatier, Constable  
Mary Rudd, DRB  
Hans Vorsteveld  
Gerard Vorsteveld  
Jim Carroll, Esq.

B Tarallo called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of March 22, 2016 – **B Tarallo made a motion to change the spelling of Diane Raphael to Diana Raphael. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. H Hall made a motion to accept the minutes of March 22, 2016. B Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Road Foreman Report – Panton Road box culvert will be replaced Monday, April 18, 2016. Signs have been placed to let people know the road will be closed Monday, April 18, 2016 and possibly Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The Class II paving grant will cover the costs. All bills will need to be resubmitted. The Road Foreman believes that cost of the culvert will be reimbursed now and that the Town will not have to wait until all paving is done to recoup the cost of the culvert. He will check with D Hosking to be sure.

The road crew started to grade Slang Road but had to just spot grade because the road was too wet. Hopkins Road is next to be graded. Road crew is trying to keep ahead of the potholes.

The Town trucks need spill kits which they will be putting together.

B Tarallo asked about vehicle checks. R Cloutier told her they were already doing daily vehicle checks.

When the next VLCT Passive Grant is available road barricades and signs will be applied for.

Draft ROW/Road Work Permit Application – B Tarallo will meet with R Cloutier to go over the draft permit.

The Grant for Arnold Bay will be withdrawn because it is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> and there is not enough time to get everything organized and submitted by the due date.

A 911 address has been established at Arnold Bay.

R Cloutier will be ordering another load of salt to fill the salt shed.

The center pin is loose on the loader. A quote of \$3000 has been given to the Town for labor for the repair as long as the Town supplies the parts. A price of \$250 has been given for transporting it to East Middlebury where repairs are planned to be done.

Highway financials were reviewed.

Choiniere Waterline – Request to Bore under East Road – **J Viskup made a motion giving Choinieres permission to bore under East Road for their waterline. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.** If there is any damage done to the road Choinieres have been told they will have to pay for the repairs. Road Foreman and the Water Dept. will be present when the work is done.

**H Hall made a motion to add new DRB fee schedule to the agenda at 7:36 P.M. to be presented by Mary Rudd. B Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Review/Approval of Bills – All bills and paystubs were reviewed and approved.

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Draft Procedures for Junk Ordinance Enforcement – David Palmatier, Constable – D Palmatier prepared the draft ordinance procedures from different models. VLCT has reviewed it. D Palmatier gave a short overview with the Select Board. The Select Board will go over it in more detail and make some decisions on who will be involved in the process. It is rescheduled for the agenda of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Properties in Violation of Current Junk Ordinance - This is tabled and is rescheduled on the agenda of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment – None

New DRB Fee Schedule presented by Mary Rudd – M Rudd looked at the fees other Towns charged. She revised Panton's fees and presented them to the Select Board. **H Hall made a motion to adopt the new fee schedule for the Panton DRB as presented by M Rudd to be effective May 1, 2016. J Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Solar Resolution (Rutland) – **H Hall made a motion to support the Rutland resolution to increase the input of Vermont municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects in certificate of public good proceedings before the Public Service Board. J Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Haley Pero/Sanders Office – Federal funding & Constituent Services – H Pero gave an overview of some of the funding available. She will email a list of the funding. She was told that the Town is looking for Grants for the Town Hall. Most of the Grants that are available now are small dollar amounts and would not help the Town very much. She will keep an eye out and let the Select Board know if other grants come up that would here with the repairs and upgrades needed.

NEH Preservation Assistance Grant Opportunity - H Hall reviewed the grant and felt that it was directed more for Libraries and collections that they might have.

Review Draft SB Rules of Procedure – This is based on the VLCT Rules of Procedure. The purpose of these rules is to let the public know how meetings are run and what to expect. B Tarallo is going to check with VLCT to see if public comments can be limited to Panton residents and property owners unless the Select Board decides to allow others to speak. **J Viskup made a motion to table this until May 10<sup>th</sup> SB meeting. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Correspondence – All correspondence was reviewed.

**J Viskup made a motion to appoint James Dayton as delegate to the ACRPC and David Raphael as alternate starting July 1, 2016. B Tarallo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

**J Viskup made a motion to appoint Eben Markowski as delegate to TAC Commission and Doug Dows as an alternate starting July 1, 2016. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

H Hall gave an update on Town Hall repairs. The emergency exit lights that needed to be installed at the doors upstairs have been completed. He is getting two bids on replacing the outside stairs, one from Peter Welch and the other from Norm LeBoeuf. Ed Hanson is drafting a new plan for the DRB on how to fill out permits and it will be posted on the website so people will know how to proceed.

Comments to Agency of Ag re: Vorsteveld Farm Variance Request for Municipal Setback on Jersey Street - B Tarallo sent a letter as a private citizen. She felt that a more detailed sketch was needed and that a 7 day comment period was inadequate and did not give the Select Board time enough to review everything that needed to be gone over.

**H Hall made a motion for the Select Board to support B Tarallo's comments as a private citizen to the Agency of Ag and send a letter as the Select Board also. J Viskup 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

H Vorsteveld showed a short video of some of the clean-up that has been done at the farm and where things were and going to be. Vorsteveld Farm is hoping that their request regarding Jersey Street ROW Encroachment/Building Permit will be finalized shortly.

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Vorsteveld – Jersey Street ROW Encroachment/Building Amendment Request (Meet W/Legal Counsel, Likely Executive Session) – **B Tarallo made a motion that premature public disclosure as advised by the Town’s Legal Counsel for the amended request by the Vorsteveld Farm Jersey Street ROW Encroachment/Building amendment would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

**B Tarallo made a motion to go into Executive Session and discuss the amendment with Jim Carroll, Legal Counsel at 9:10 P.M. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

**At 10:10 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion to exit Executive Session. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

No action was taken.

**At 10:14 P.M. B Tarallo made a motion to adjourn. H Hall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk