

DRAFT
Town of Panton
Select Board Minutes
October 25, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Select Board:

Howard Hall, Chair
John Viskup, Co-chair

Administration:

Diane Merrill, Treasurer
Jean Miller, Clerk

Guests:

David Raphael Paul Sokal
Katie Werthmann Zachary Weaver
Louise Giovanella David Wolniewicz
Fred Goodrich

Call Meeting to Order – H. Hall called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Review/Approve Minutes of Select Board Meeting of October 11, 2016 – J. Viskup moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.

Public Comment – None

Implications of the Cerf Grant – H. Hall spoke of having a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the cupola. There is a concern about separation of the cupola from the rest of the improvements to the Town Hall. Setting up a Nonprofit for establishing, funding and maintenance of the cupola was discussed. D. Raphael also mentioned that there was an Access Modification Grant available from the State that could be applied for that would be useful for doors, ramps and bathrooms.

GMP/B. Otley – B. Otley sent the SB an email. They did not have the figures ready, so he was not going to make the meeting. The SB discussed wind power. It had been asked if the Town would be interested in 150' wind turbine. SB felt more investigation was needed.

Review/Approval of Bills and Time Sheets – Bills were reviewed and approved.

Financials were reviewed. The treasurer is using the NEMRC accounting system. There is a problem with the setup of the system which is being worked out, creating wrong percentages in some categories. NEMRC will be addressing the issue.

Computer/Server – The computer/server went down twice last week. The IT people have concerns regarding the costs to fix it and are suggesting that the Town backup in the cloud then they would not have to monitor the system so closely. The NEMRC system would need a separate backup. SB is asking for more information before making a decision.

A letter is being sent to the mortgage company of a delinquent tax payer notifying them of the delinquency.

Zack Weaver – Interest in Open SB Seat – Z. Weaver expressed his interest in the open seat. He gave a little of his background information. The SB asked him a few questions.

Draft Solar Ordinance – Ben Marks, Esq. – J. Viskup moved to hire Ben Marks, Esq. to draft a solar ordinance. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.

Dave Wolniewicz – Interest in Open SB/DRB Seat – D. Wolniewicz expressed his interest in the open seats on the SB and DRB/Planning Commission. D. Wolniewicz gave some of his background history. The SB asked him some questions.

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Town Hall Committee – Katie Werthmann – Katie Werthmann was appointed Project Manager for the GMP/Efficiency VT work that is planned to happen at the Town Hall and Town Garage. Discussion ensued regarding contacts and information that she would need.

Correspondence – H. Hall and D. Palmatier updated the pictures of the properties that were out of compliance with the Junk Ordinance. H. Hall shared the pictures with J. Viskup. Procedures will be followed regarding the Junk Ordinance.

All correspondence was reviewed.

There will be a meeting scheduled to discuss ACRPC representing the Towns with regards to Lake Champlain.

H. Hall moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter at 9:00 P.M. J. Viskup 2nd. All approved.

J. Viskup moved to exit the executive session at 9:10 P.M. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.

Outcome of the executive session was that J. Viskup moved to appoint Zachary Weaver to the open SB seat. H. Hall 2nd. All approved. J. Viskup moved to appoint David Wolniewicz to the open DRB/Planning Commission. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.

Adjourn – J. Viskup moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11. H. Hall 2nd. All approved.