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Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

In attendance:, Selectboard Vice Chair Teresa Boucher, Selectboard Member Robert DeGraaf, Selectboard Member Reece Jaring, Clerk/Treasurer Kyle Rowe, Road Foreman Rick Cloutier, Town Attorney Leslie Cadwell, Sharon Ashcraft, Kathy Kennett, Chuck Kennett, M'Lissa Dayton

Via Zoom: Selectboard Chair Zach Weaver, Selectboard Member Kirsten De La Cruz

1. Reece called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. No Additions/Deletions
3. Public Comment;
    a. Kathy Kennett reiterated that she felt the boundary resolution proposal was a good solution or a long standing issue, and that hopefully any further discussions surrounding the pool passes wouldn't hold up the proposed solution.
    b. M'Lissa Dayton asked who was on the boundary committee;
        i. Reece stated himself and Zach for Panton, and Mark Koenig and Jill Murray Killion for Vergennes.
        ii. He stated he would be happy to discuss specifics with her.
    c. M'Lissa Dayton also mentioned issues with dates and finding information on the new town website.
    d. Sharon Ashcraft provided additional feedback on the website, and terminology used.
    e. Sharon Ashcraft also asked the SB to be more specific in their reasons for Executive Session, and provided a copy of the Vergennes Agenda, noting that they had very specific reasons listed there.
        i. The SB stated they would look into it.
4. Approval of Minutes from the SB meting on 9/9/26;

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a. The C/T stated that the copy of the meeting minutes that is on the website includes the appendix with the letter that resulted from Executive Session, but that the copy mailed to the SB was missing that item.
b. Robert motioned to accept the minutes as posted, Reece seconded-**VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**

5. Road Foreman Report;
    a. Rick stated that the trucks are all prepared for the winter season.
    b. The Highway Crew was continuing to work on brushing and mowing.
    c. Adams Ferry Rd has been graded after the rains.
    d. The cost of plow blades is still concerning, however a supplier has been found for a significant discount, and the Town will be using that supplier.
    e. Rick stated that budgeting for next year will be tough, inflation pressures and cost increases are making it difficult to get estimates right now.
    f. Teresa asked for rough percentages instead of amounts
        i. Rick said he would try to develop them.
    g. The Bridge over Dead Creek will be getting cleaned now that corn chopping was done.
    h. The Highway Crew will be replacing some road signs.
    i. Overall, the Town is well prepared for winter.
6. Clerk/Treasurer Report;
    a. The pantonvt.gov website is now live. There were a few hiccups along the way, mostly related to the Assistant Clerk being out on vacation and the Town Clerk being out on paternity leave, but things are being updated, and corrected.
    b. The Joint Survey Committee meeting was not well attended, but future meetings will be better organized.
    c. The election preparations are handled, however the amount of undeliverable ballots is concerning. The Town Office will be working on this in the coming days.
    d. The Board of Abatement needs to schedule a hearing for abatement, and it should be as soon as possible.
    e. The re-enactment at Arnold Bay was a huge success, estimated at 300 attendees. Pictures and videos will be posted in the coming days.
7. The SB began a Budget and Balance Sheet Review;
    a. The C/T reviewed the September Budget to Actual, and Fund Balances, noting no major changes, and that the Town is continuing in a good fashion.
    b. Thanks to early tax revenue, the TAN liability has been paid back (in October) and will be reflected in next months financial reports.
8. The SB began review of the AP and Payroll Warrants;
    a. The C/T answered a few questions on specific invoices during the review.

    b. Reece made a motion to approve the AP/Payroll Warrants as presented, Teresa seconded-**VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**
9. Teresa made a motion to make a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Town at a disadvantage regarding attorney client communications and potential employment matters, Robert seconded-**VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**
10. After making such a finding, Teresa motion to enter Executive Session to receive attorney client communications, and discuss the potential employment of an employee, inviting the C/T and Town Attorney, Robert seconded-**VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**
    a. **The SB entered Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.**
11. **The SB exited Executive Session at 7:35, motioned by Teresa, seconded by Reece-VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**
    a. **Reece made a motion to allow the Planning Commission to utilize the Town Attorney to continue developing the Enhanced Energy Plan, Robert seconded-VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**
12. Teresa motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., Reece seconded-**VOTE-ALL IN FAVOR**