#### District

# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2008

Fill out form, make and file copy with the Town Clerk, and mail ORIGINAL, before February 20, 2008 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Policy and Planning Division, One National Life Dr, Montpelier, VT 05633.

We, the Selectmen or Aldermen or Trustees of PANTON

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County

on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Title 19, V.S.A, Sec #305, added 1985, is as follows:

### PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

| Town<br>Highways    | Previous<br>Mileage | Added<br>Mileage | Subtracted<br>Mileage | Total                 | Scenic<br>Highways |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Class 1             | 0.000               |                  |                       | 0.000                 | 0.000              |
| Class 1 Lane        | 0.000               | * .              |                       | 0.000                 |                    |
| Class 2             | 8.750               |                  |                       | 8.750                 | 0.000              |
| Class 3             | 12.810              |                  |                       | 12,810                | 0.000              |
| State Highway       | 2.755               |                  |                       | 2,755                 | 0.000              |
| Class 4             | 2.550               | *                |                       | 2.550                 | 0.000              |
| Legal Trail         | 0.000               | 1.23             |                       | 1,23                  |                    |
| Total               | 24.315              |                  |                       | 25,545                | 0.000              |
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\* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications is NOT included in total.

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE. Adjust ment by

1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening"

Seattached Sheet

2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting

3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting

4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Check box and sign below. [ ]

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees Signatures:

T/C/V Clerk Signature: JUSAN F JOULE

Date Filed: 2-12-()8

Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL:

Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Representative, Agency of Transportation

ATE: 4/17/2008

To: Sara Moulton

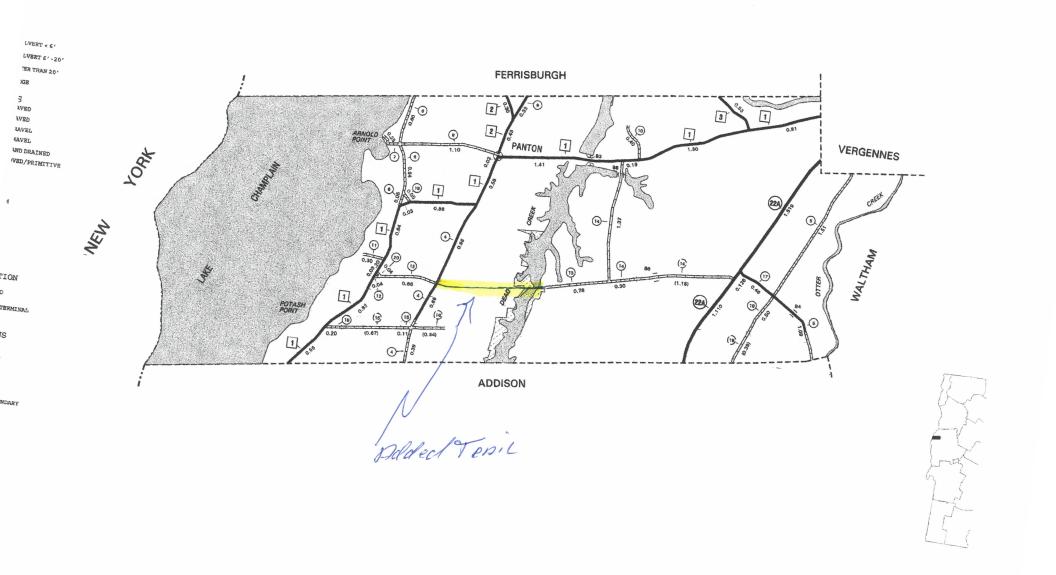
From: Town of Panton

Subject: Addition to the Town Highway Map

Date: February 8, 2008

It is our desire to add the former "South Road" to the highway map. This has been a road for years and shows on maps in many different ways. Enclosed are supporting paperwork including the request of the action and the motion of the Select Board.

Thanks



Commissioner Wayne Laroche Department of Fish & Wildlife 103 South Main St., Building 10 South Waterbury, Vt. 05671-0501

July 2, 2007

Re: Request for Gate Removal on Road through the Dead Creek WMA

Dear Wayne:

At the request of the Champlain Valley Explorers ATV Club, the Panton Select Board voted at our June 18 meeting to open several town roads for use as a multi-use trail. These roads will become part of a trail from Vergennes to the Lake Champlain Bridge area.

Specifically, the Board approved the following:

- 1. Designate the former "South Road" as it shows on old maps to be a trail from the end of TH 13 to TH 4 (Jersey St.), a distance of approximately 1.23 miles. This to be for use by ATVs and other recreational purposes, not highway type vehicles and authorize the chair to sign any paperwork to accomplish same.
- 2. Designate West Road, Slang Road, Stove Pipe City Road, TH 13 and Panton Road between Slang and Stove Pipe open to ATV travel. With the following conditions:
  - A. ATVs must be registered with the State of Vermont
  - B. Helmets must be worn
  - C. Speed limit will be 25 mph

The former "South Road" of 1.23 miles described in #1 above crosses the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area. Currently, town highway 13 ends at the edge of this WMA. The gate on the east side of the WMA was put in place by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. The town has authorized the WMA portion of this network to be used as a "trail". Automobile travel will not be allowed. In order to establish the trail, the town

will need the department to remove or lock open a gate at the east edge of the WMA. The Champlain Valley Explorers has agreed to install barriers so as to allow trail use only.

We did not contact the department before approving this trail, because it will be located on a town right-of-way within Dead Creek WMA. However, we all wish to work cooperatively with the department. The town right-of-way crosses a short portion of the WMA and will act as a connector trail. The trail fits the criterion of the ATV Collaborative's 2004 Report re: advisable ATV trails across public land, and should coexist nicely with current use of this portion of the WMA.

Please contact me the Select Board after you have had a chance to review this letter to make further arrangements on how to proceed.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely for the Select Board

F. Ann Sullivan Chair Panton Select Board

### Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m. Panton Town Office

| Selectboard      | <b>Administration</b> | <b>Guests</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| R. LaFleche, Jr. | S. Torrey             | R. Moulton    |
| J. Moulton       | R. Cloutier           | J. Kuhn       |
| A. Sullivan      | C. Dion               |               |
|                  | E. Hanson             |               |

The public hearing of the proposed Zoning Regulations was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair A. Sullivan. As there was no public input, R. LaFleche, Jr. made the <u>motion</u> to adopt the regulations, seconded by J. Moulton. So voted. Chair Sullivan closed the hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:0 1 p.m. by Chair Sullivan.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – Minutes of the May & June Selectboard meetings were approved as presented on a <u>motion</u> from R. LaFleche Jr., seconded by J. Moulton. So voted.

<u>Public Communication</u> – <u>Motion</u> by R. LaFleche Jr., to accept the letter drafted by R. Moulton to Department of Fish & Wildlife Commissioner requesting gate removal on the road through Dead Creek for ATV use. Chair Sullivan seconded by motion. So voted. J. Moulton abstained from the vote. Letter on file in the town office.

J. Kuhn asked if the Selectboard if an alternate had been named to the Solid Waste Board. Chair Sullivan said she will continue to try to find someone. Mr. Kuhn mentioned that there appears to be a problem between Panton and the Solid Waste District with regard to Green -Up Day. Evidently there wasn't much for green up brought to the district. The Road Foreman advised that much of the roadsides were picked up prior to Green -Up Day by a person performing community service and most of it was trash. He also advised that most of what was dropped off at the town garage on Green -Up Day was household trash (computers, microwaves, old furniture, etc.). He will forward the Solid Waste receipt from Green -Up to J. Kuhn. It was mentioned that household trash being left around town is a constant problem and that although law enforcement officials have been apprised of the situation nothing has been done to prevent this problem from continuing. It was further discussed t hat there is no one is stationed at the garage to oversee what is being brought in and that the town shouldn't have to pay the Road Foreman to spend the day supervising but rather it should be the town Green-Up Day coordinator or other volunteer. The Road Foreman said that many of the green plastic bags went out but not many came back and J. Moulton added that the town clerk had to ask for more bags as she ran out of them at the office. J. Kuhn requested that the next time the Selectboard ask if he would like to serve as Solid Waste Representative prior to appointing him.

Road Foreman Report – advised that he and the highway assistant had installed new springs on the older truck and that the new truck had been recalled by Clark's. Advised that culverts on Hopkins Road will be around \$9,208.00 and recommends the work is done in a three (3) year phase. Needs a chloride pump so chloride can be applied which will cost around \$400.00. Asked the Selectboard to pay for his trailer registration as it is only used for town work. Motion by R. LaFleche Jr., seconded by J. Moulton to pay for the registration. So voted. Obtained prices for excavator rental; \$4,200.00 from Nortrax and \$3,600.00 from Brown's (per month). He added that Brown's will move the excavator for u s when needed.

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He anticipates to start the ditching work in August (Lake Road, Jersey Street, Spaulding Road and Jackson Road). Advised the Board that he "fixed" the ramp at Arnold's Bay but the paying should be cut and rip/rap installed. J. Moulton stated that perhaps this should be a line item on the next budget so the town's people can vote if they want to spend money on repairing the boat launch. It was mentioned that this was discussed at a prior Selectboar d meeting (refer to September 11, 2006 minutes) when Eric Carter presented a petition to the Board to repair the launch. At that meeting he was going to contact Regional Planning about available grant money but nothing further was heard from him. Discussio n on liability for the town and Chair Sullivan advised that there was a sign that states the launch should be used at their own risk. It was discussed that since Basin Harbor has stopped boat launching Panton is now being used as it's closer than other are a boat launches but this doesn't mean that the town must allow the launching. Also mentioned that perhaps the boat launch users should contribute money to have the launch repaired and that there are many other important repairs the town needs first. The Road Foreman advised that there is a tree split in half in the town right-of-way on Spaulding Road and although he has called Job Corps to see if they will remove it, he has not heard back from them. J. Moulton will attempt to contact them again. The tree on the corner of Pease and Jersey by K. Mitchell's will also be removed. According to statute, the Tree Warden must be a resident of the town and therefore the Road Foreman cannot be acting Warden as he resides in Vergennes. Motion by R. LaFleche Jr., seconded by J. Moulton to appoint Bruce Many Tree Warden. So voted. The Tree Warden is responsible for contacting town residents regarding tree removal on their property but in the town right of-way.

Standards for drive way culverts were discussed and the Zoning Regulation was referred to.

The Road Foreman advised that the culvert on Lake Road had dropped several inches and is splitting fast. The delegate from Better Back Roads will be coming tomorrow to look at what can be done to remedy this. It was discussed that the Board still doesn't know how much money the town will receive in highway grant money. J. Moulton mentioned that the town was late with the grant request as the foreman wanted to wait until the new Selectboard member was elected. It was discussed that there isn't any money in the budget to repair this large culvert. Various methods of repair were discussed and it was mentioned that we had asked the State of Vermont to send someone to look at the culvert. R. LaFleche Jr., said that the town should be prepared to have this replaced before the next budget period. Chair Sullivan said if need be the town could hold a special meeting to get voter approval. J. Kuhn asked if our legislators could expedite the highway money and Chair Sullivan replied that the town consistently requests money and is told there isn't anything available. She added that it's very frustrating for the Board as the State just doesn't seem concerned with small towns. S. Torrey said that she reads in the newspapers where other t owns are receiving money because the towns' people have volunteered to work on grants and that in Panton no one comes forward. Further discussion on how difficult it is to write grants as the State is so exacting and many of the towns receiving grant mone y have hired grant writers.

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It was mentioned that the New Haven Highway Department is not allowed to share services with other towns until further notice. Evidently a few New Haven residents complained as it is in their bylaws that highway vehicles do not go outside town limits.

<u>New Business</u> – Motion by J. Moulton, seconded by R. LaFleche Jr., to renew Ed Hanson's contract as Zoning Administrator. So voted.

<u>Financials/Business Matters</u> – the Vergennes Fire Protection Agreement was signed (\$923.00 less than last year) as was the Vergennes Recycling Agr eement (same rate as last year). The Addison County Sheriff's contract was also signed and Clerk Torrey will forward a copy of the revised Traffic Ordinance with the signed contract. The ordinance will also be posted in the Addison Independent and on our town bulletin boards. Correspondence was reviewed and check warrants were signed. Clerk Torrey advised that the town had received the first prebate deposit.

At 8:40 p.m. Chair Sullivan recessed the meeting until Friday, July 20 th at 12:00 noon.

### Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting Monday June 18, 2007

### 7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard
R. LaFleche, Jr.
J. Moulton

A. Sullivan

Administration R. Cloutier

Guests R. Moulton

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

<u>Public Communication:</u> <u>Motion</u> by R. LaFleche, Jr. to allow VASA to travel roads as presented in their request at the May 8, 2007 Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted. J. Moulton abstained from the vote. Discussion ensued on the continuing problem with the person who is driving an ATV on West Road and causing damage to the road and fields. Evidently the State Police are not interested in dealing with this problem . R. Moulton advised that perhaps something could be done within VASA regulations.

Road Foreman Report: The foreman mentioned that some people have asked to have Hopkins Road paved. It was discussed that the road is not ready for paving but perhaps starting next year and each year thereafter a portion of the road can be prepared until the road is pavement ready. J. Moulton responded that the road needs gravel this year and R. LaFleche discussed that we should get an idea of what roads require repair and budget the repairs (this way the roads will done properly). J. Moulton replied that it was promised last year to put gravel on Hopkins Road. Further discussion on the road requiring more ditching and culverts prior to laying down gravel and perhaps the board should consider a five year plan for town roads. The denial of the Better Backroad grant we applied for is being appealed. This grant was denied by the State of Vermont as the sketch of the work to be done was not sufficient. J. Moulton will be meeting with the person from the State on Thursday at the g arage to go over the grant. The foreman advised that he will be purchasing road signs that are larger and more reflective (from a different company). R. LaFleche mentioned that the signs should be erected prior to our agreement with the Addison County Sher iff. The town Speed Ordinance will also be forwarded to the Sheriff. It was discussed that the ordinance will need to be readopted to reflect reduced speed limits on some roads (per recommendation of the Addison Sheriff to have towns be consistent). The paving grant was discussed and it is still not certain how much money the town will be receiving. It was discussed to use (pave) only what is budgeted.

- R. LaFleche advised that he and the road foreman spoke to Mrs. Lowman about the stones being dumped in the ditch/road on Lake Street and that this time the town will clean out the ditch but any more debris will be removed at their cost. Mr. Lowman agreed to this condition and advised that the ditch had been cleaned out. A. Sullivan will respond with a letter and the pertinent statute.
- J. Moulton advised that Rick Keene will come up to look at the intersection on Jersey Street to see what can be done about the dangerous intersection status. A. Sullivan asked that the road foreman remove the branches that have grown over any of the signs. The road foreman was advised that on July 2, 2007 a new employee will be joining his department as a road helper.

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Discussion of the feasibility of purchasing a pickup truck in the future for the road crew to use. R. LaFleche advised that for a few days Ferrisburgh will be storing stone at our highway department that they will be using on their roads. Chair Sullivan asked why the roadside was mowed on South Road as this belongs to the St ate of Vermont. It isn't known if the State mowed it or our road foreman.

Discussion on the piece that fell off the cupola and if it is possible to have the cupola removed until it can be repaired. Chair Sullivan will contact R. Atkins (who looked at the cupola) to get more information.

Received a complaint regarding the Recycling Center closing early. Chair Sullivan will speak to someone about this.

As no further business was discussed the meeting was recessed to Monday, June 25  $^{\rm th}$  at noon to go over financial information with the town clerk.

# Town of Panton Selectboard Meeting Tuesday May 8, 2007

### 7:00 PM-Panton Town Office

Selectboard
J. Moulton
A. Sullivan

Administration R. Cloutier

Guests
S. Fleming
D. Heath

B. Many R. Moulton

Call to Order: Chair A. Sullivan called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Moulton to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2007 and April 9, 2007 as presented, seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted

<u>Public Communication:</u> R. Moulton and D. Health, representing the local All Terrain Vehicle club, requested use of the following roads for ATV travel; across Panton Dam (South Road), Slang, West, Stove Pipe City roads and a small section of Panton Road (as they are trying to establish a trail system). They also requested that the town re-establish South Road as a trail or a Class 4 road as part of the ancient road project. The rules were presented for review by the Selectboard and are on file in the town office.

Steve Fleming from Vergennes Area Rescue, advised the Board that the y want to contract their services with each of the towns versus requesting funds. (Copy of this proposal is on file in the town office). This would be similar to how the towns currently contract with the Vergennes Fire Department. He gave an overview of the history of funding and discussed the billing detail which would on a per capita basis. The new contract will begin the next fiscal year. Mr. Fleming recommended that the Selectboard have the contract reviewed by the town attorney and asked that we respond to him with an answer by August 1, 2007.

B. Many advised the Board that he was offered a pickup truck by Wake Robin and he thought it might be an opportunity for the town. The truck would be used by our Road Foreman for town business versus using his personal vehicle. J. Moulton stated there wasn't enough in the highway budget (approx. \$14,000) to consider this purchase. Discussion ensued on what makes up the expenses to date and balances remaining. The truck was only used for plowing the Wake Robin residences but does need to have the bed and transmission replaced. The Board asked that B. Many explore the cost to repair the truck before making any further decision.

Road Foreman Report: Discussion on roads to be paved and the foreman received a price of \$125,000.00 which will cover part of Panton flats, from Atkins to Basin Harbor Road, Lake Road (from Lowman's to Spaulding Road). J. Moulton mentioned that she and R. LaFleche worked on writing a new employment application.

The Road Foreman mentioned that Green Up Day did not go well as bags of household garbage and miscellaneous furniture, bundled cardboard, etc. was left at the highway department. It was mentioned that someone needs to be there monitoring what comes in next year. Chair Sullivan mentioned that perhaps Panton shouldn't have it as there doesn't seem to be a Chairman and that it isn't right that the bags have to be sorted to weed out trash.

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The Road Foreman mentioned that the Vorsteveld's/Whitney have do ne a great job keeping the manure/dirt off the roads while trucking their manure and have responded to whatever has been asked of them.

R. LaFleche will contact Mr. Whitney to let him know of our satisfaction with the hauling .

Discussion on C. Lowman filling in the ditch on Lake Road with rock. The Road Foreman asked for direction and what to do rectify this situation. It was decided that R. LaFleche should speak with him about this.

#### New Business:

Work Meeting - Chair Sullivan will pick dates and coordinate with other Board members. J. Moulton requested that the two candidates who have applied for the Road Helper position reapply using the new employment application.

### Old Business:

Zoning Regulation hearing - J. Moulton advised that a public hearing needs to be warned and will forward the information to Clerk Torrey to be warned in the local paper for the June Selectboard Meeting.

### **Action Items:**

Check warrants were signed and correspondence reviewed. Motion by J. Moulton to bill Kevin Cosgrove for man hours Panton was charged (\$144.00) for his un-permitted fire, seconded by A. Sullivan. So voted. Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

To: Town of Panton Select Board

From: Robert Moulton on behalf of:

Vermont All Terrain Vehicle Sportsman Association (VASA)

Local Club (Champlain Valley Explorers)

Subject: Opening road for recreational use

Date: June 18, 2007

I request that the board act on the following:

1. Designate the former "South Road" as it shows on old maps to be a trail from the end of TH 13 to TH 4 (Jersey St.), a distance of approximately 1.23 miles. This to be for use by ATVs and other recreational purposes, not highway type vehicles and authorize the chair to sign any paperwork to accomplish same.

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2. Designate West Road, Slang Road, Stove Pipe City Road, TH 13 and Panton Road between Slang and Stove Pipe open to ATV travel. With the following conditions:

- A. ATVs must be registered with the State of Vermont
- B. Helmets must be worn
- C. Speed limit will be 25 mph

Thank You

Robert Moulton

