

MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

April 19, 2011

7:00pm Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Beecher

Present were: Mike Beecher, Joe Clark, Sue LaPorte, Bob Jones

Audience present: Melissa Murphy, Jaclyn Rodd, Martha Schoenemann, Steve Williams, Barbara O'Connor, Susanne Rappaport, Rich Marantz, Bill Aupperlee, Tim Beldy, Charlie Mason, Betty Daly

Minutes of April 5, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Sue to accept the minutes as written. So voted.*

Audience

Martha Schoenemann, Steve Williams, Barbara O'Connor, Betty Daly, Susanne Rappaport, Tim Beldy, Rich Marantz, and Bill Aupperlee were present to discuss the decision of the board not to use the auditorium for events during the 2011 celebration, and to discuss the use policy for the auditorium.

- Martha stated that Joe had explained to the 2011 group why the board decided not to use the auditorium
- Martha asked if there would be a provision for small group use
- Steve expressed concern that the theater curtain could not be viewed during the celebration
- Susanne commented that the curtain was restored expressly for the celebration, and the Historical Society would like to have it available to the public on that Saturday.
- Steve suggested the board find a way to use the room – for PHS exhibits, etc.
- Martha asked on behalf of Bob S. whether the school has consented to having the Pawlet Players use the school for rehearsals and performances. Bob would also still like to have the performance in the auditorium, and was there any hope that it would be possible with smaller numbers in the audience?
- Bob Jones stated that his concern is safety first.
- Sue suggested that the board decide on a safe number and make a decision.
- Mike asked that the audience remain for continued discussion after the scheduled AFLAC presentation

7:17pm AFLAC Insurance

Melissa Murphy and Jaclyn Rodd from AFLAC Insurance presented their supplemental insurance plan to the board for consideration as an option for town employees. They asked for an opportunity to educate the employees about their program. Mike said the board will discuss it and decide whether to offer it to the employees.

7:36pm Audience

(Auditorium discussion, continued)

- Mike said the board would determine a safe attendance number.
- Susanne asked if there would be a discussion about the fire stair. Chris Hadsel of VAC indicated to her that there would be grant money available for the fire stair this fall.
- Tim Beldy said he was impressed by the auditorium and would like to use it for his children's theater group.
- Rich Marantz teaches classes. Regarding the guidelines for use of the space, he felt they are very good overall, but are missing a fee structure and there should be one contact/scheduling person.
- Tim offered to help with fundraising for the fire stair.

Charlie Mason reported on the lister budget related to expenses to date. The miscellaneous funds will be completely used once the bill from Cartographics is paid. Guessing from past pay periods, they may run over budget by June, and training has become more expensive.

Correspondence

Sue received a photo of the Fish and Game building foundation from Frank Nelson that showed the deterioration.

The memo from the Clerk was reviewed. It is the consensus of the board to pay the \$55 for NEMRC training.

The memo from the Highway Department was reviewed. Keith felt the best value for a new air compressor was from Wallace Supply. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe to purchase the air compressor from Wallace Supply. So voted.* Mike will call Keith.

The Treasurer's memo was reviewed.

Unfinished Business

The proposal for the auditorium ceiling stabilization was approved by John Thrasher. *Motion by Sue, seconded by Joe to accept the proposal. So voted.*

Sue stated that the painting ads will go in the Lakes Region Free Press and the Northshire Free Press.

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Joe mentioned that Eric is interested. The board suggested Joe advise Eric to submit a letter of intent.

9:03pm *Motion by Sue, seconded by Joe to adjourn. So voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk