



MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

July 12, 2011

7:05pm Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Beecher

Present: Sue LaPorte, Joe Clark, Clarence Decker, Mike Beecher

Audience Present: Judy Coolidge, Eric Mach, Charlie Mason, Keith Mason

Minutes of June 28, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Sue, seconded by Joe to accept the minutes with corrections, so voted.*

Audience

Eric Mach found a source and price on granite stones for curbing around the green: 1' x2' at \$2/foot. There is approximately a 375' perimeter around the existing green. Deck asked about transportation costs. They are in Castleton, and Eric or the town can pick them up. Mike said we need a master plan before they are purchased.

Judy Coolidge, Club 2011, requested permission to have a parade on Route 153 in West Pawlet from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday August 27th. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe, to allow Club 2011 to have a parade on August 27th on Route 153 in West Pawlet from 3pm to 5pm. So voted.* Judy presented the board with list of events for the weekend. Harry Haldt is concerned about parking along route 30. Club 2011 will need to discuss it with the fire department. Judy said that if Pawlet goes in together with other towns for bunting, we can get it for less.

Judy Coolidge, Treasurer, requests meeting next week for the purpose of taxes. The meeting will be on Wednesday at 7pm. The board is all in favor. Judy had questions about payment to Michael Smith and submittal of forms to VDHP. After discussion, she will submit the final report to the state tomorrow.

Charlie Mason requests the use of the lister office for cemetery work. The board is fine with that. Minutes of March 8th meeting stated that Ray Duquette's salary will be reviewed in July. Charlie is reminding the board. The board has already scheduled a meeting for July 26th. The clerk will state on the agenda that board will be in executive session to discuss personnel just before adjournment. Mike asked if Charlie received a copy of the new tax rate. Charlie said he hadn't.

Correspondence

Mike read a notification from the state that the 2011 Homestead tax rate is 1.189 and the non-resident tax rate is 1.4064

Audience

Keith Mason, Road Foreman

- Keith discussed the grant at Cubby's bridge with the board. Deck said Daniels will hold their bid only for this year. Keith said the highway has money in the materials budget to cover the town's portion. Keith feels strongly that the work should be done now because it may be a very long time before this amount of grant money becomes available again. Deck will check to see if partial payment is available. Sue and Joe would like to see a payment schedule from Daniels before accepting their proposal. We will get a payment schedule for next Wednesday's meeting.
- Keith will bring the work schedule to the next meeting.
- Ken Norman complained about the ditch work on the Switch Road. Mike reviewed the work and agreed with the road crew work.
- The Rosenthal deed needs an easement to allow the town to go in and maintain the drain.
- New rails were ordered for the truck. It is not finished yet.
- Keith asked about pay rate increases. He feels the town could have given the road crew raises last year without impact to the taxpayers.
- Keith will work with the crusher to get the most beneficial blend. He anticipates a couple of days labor there.
- Sue asked Keith to take the old refrigerator to the dump.
- The handicap parking space on the green was discussed.
- Keith is working on the punch list from Wade

Unfinished business

Deck presented the board with a report and discussed his time and mileage spent. Deb will work with anyone with the town laptop and flash drive to view the photos and the report. This is for the Category "A" Grant: Road Erosion, Culvert, and Bridge Inventory Capital Budget Plan.

Correspondence

The Clerk's memo was reviewed

- Memo regarding Site Management activity completed at Loomis Trucking.
- Packet from Sheehy and Furlong and Behn regarding petition of VTel.
- 2011 Legislative Apportionment Board-Proposed House Districts. Census affects districts.
- Order form from Rutland Region Transportation Council for signs. Keith said Pawlet is already on the schedule.
- Phone call from Fred Shehadi this week recommending that School Street be paved prior to the 250th celebration.
- Memo from VT Dep't of Taxes regarding information regarding Penalties for the late filed Homestead Declarations. Charlie said the listers check these every week.
- 2nd memo from VT Dep't. of Taxes regarding Education tax rates. More information will be provided by Judy.
- I will be on vacation from 7/18 thru 7/25. Melissa will cover the office.
- There are BCA grievance hearings on 7/25 beginning at 6:30
- Eric Mach called today with a quote from Rutland Marble & Granite for granite curbing at \$2 per linear foot. He may be at the meeting tonight to discuss in more detail

- Refrigerator.

Joe had the Blue Flame contract. Mike signed it.

Deck had further correspondence from the state regarding the speed limit by the Mach farm. It stays at 50, but the tractor crossing signs will be put up. The state said the school should contact them regarding the school bus stop warning sign.

New business

Municipal planning grants are now available on line

Unfinished business

Mike asked about the estimates on painting the town hall exterior. Sue has not heard. She will call both contractors.

9:11pm *Deck motioned to adjourn, so voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk