

MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

March 22, 2011

7:02pm Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Beecher

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

Audience present: Kevin Mason, Judy Coolidge, Keith Mason, Chuck Godette, Tom Collard

Minutes of March 8, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to accept the minutes with corrections. So voted.*

Audience

Kevin Mason asked what the town policy was for employees plowing their own driveways. Should it be done before or after the road? Deck responded that it was determined last year that if they were stopping at home for a meal or other reason they were allowed to drop the plow on their way in. Their driveways should be plowed after the road, and he will talk to the crew. *So noted.*

Judy Coolidge announced that Club 2011 has reached their fundraising goals for the town's 250th anniversary of the charter celebration on August 26 – 28th.

- The kick-off on the 26th will be a fairytale performance by the Pawlet Players with a matinee and evening performance
- She asked the board if the auditorium will be useable. Karen stated that the plaster restorer plans on being finished by August. Joe will contact Labor and Industry to determine legal capacity.
- Saturday, August 27th activities include a library art show and craft demonstration, program for children. 4 ghost walks by PHS at Mettowee cemetery, a farm equipment display in Edie's field, and Braintree open house. A student will read the town charter at the town hall at 1:30 pm. The parade in West Pawlet begins at 3 pm, with a fly over before. McChesneys will be hosting a BBQ at 5 pm. There will be a street dance from 7 – 9:30 in front of the town hall with the Honky Tonk Express band performing, followed by a fireworks display.
- Sunday's activities are as yet undetermined. Judy stated that it would be nice to have more involvement from West Pawlet. Chuck Godette will talk to people about it.

- Club 2011 needs help with the parking.
- The \$3,000 appropriated from the town will purchase the fireworks.
- Judy asked for an additional \$200 from the town to pay for a mailing. Joe will donate the \$200 from J&J Trucking.
- Judy said 250 calendars were sold.
- Sue asked if a fireworks permit was required. Judy said Gib told her it wasn't necessary.
- Sue mentioned the April newsletter would be a good place to advertise the events, and Judy said they already had an article in it.
- A quilt celebrating the 250 years is being created for the event and will be donated to the town

Keith Mason asked the select board to clarify their intentions regarding the purchase of a new truck. He feels they should plan for discussion at Town meeting next year. After discussion, Mike stated it is the consensus of the board to research and possibly replace the 550 and wait until the tandem is paid for in 2012 to finance another vehicle.

Tom Collard, representing the Fish and Game Club, asked for the board's advice on how to proceed regarding the Fish and Game building tax exempt status. The board suggested that the Fish and Game club discuss amongst themselves whether to try for a re-vote or grieve the property assessment.

Correspondence

Wade Masure (VLCT) provided information regarding the 2011 PACIF Equipment Grant Program. Deck will research.

Mike is not able to attend the Selectboard Institute Class

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission requested the board appoint a Regular Commissioner and a Council Representative. Eric Mach currently serves in both roles. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Sue to appoint Eric Mach as Regular Commissioner and Council Representative. So voted.*

A letter from the Vermont Land Trust stated that they have closed on the OPAV, Development rights, and Conservation easement on the Nate and Brenda Smith farm on Route 30 in Pawlet.

The VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force sent information regarding dry hydrant grant opportunities. Joe will give the information to Jim Andrus.

The Town Garage pressure tank needs to be tested or we will be fined. Wade will be at the garage on April 26th.

The warning for the Abatement meeting on April 18th will deal with the US Marshall Service property and the Janet Malcolm property.

Unfinished Business

The Annual Finance Plan for fiscal year 2012 from VTRANS regarding state aid for highways was signed by the board.

Susanne Rappaport sent a letter to the select board regarding the PHS historical program on April 14th. She requests that the board have a fireman present in the Auditorium during the event. Joe (fireman) and Sue will be present.

Deck said he is beginning to work on the A grant.

Joe asked Deck the status of the Park and Ride grant. Deck stated that the map and application are done, but he still needs to do a schematic map for the bidders. It must go before the Development Review Board because zoning in Pawlet and West Pawlet doesn't currently allow for parking lots.

New Business

Mike received a request from a local painter to bid on the town hall front and west facades. Sue will pursue.

The Clerk's memo to the board was reviewed.

The Treasurer's memo to board was reviewed.

Bob stated that there was a problem calling between Pawlet and West Pawlet, which he was pursuing with Verizon and Comcast.

8:37 pm *Motion by Deck to adjourn, seconded by Bob. So voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk