



## MEETING OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**7:00PM** Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Beecher

Present: James Glick, Joe Clark, Clarence Decker, Mike Beecher

Audience Present: Keith Mason, Judy Coolidge, Elizabeth Gibson

The minutes from the March 7, 2012 were reviewed. *Motion by James, seconded by Deck to approve as corrected. So voted.*

Minutes of the Town Meeting were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe, to accept the minutes as written. So voted.*

### **Audience:**

Judy Coolidge: John Mudgett recommended the town move the paint money into the capital maintenance fund. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to move the money from the general fund into the capital maintenance fund, so voted.*

Judy passed out the Berkshire bank forms for board members to sign.

Judy passed out the Baerlein proposal copies to the board regarding Town Green renovation.

- The town will have to work on the road at the same time.
- The board discussed drainage, permits, existing trees, well head, traffic, mowing.
- Need to have plan in place to protect existing road first.
- Keith said there is money for materials in the Highway fund.
- James mentioned there is no provision in the proposal for removing the existing trees and stumps. Keith said the Town will do it while they are tackling the drainage.
- James asked where the money is coming from for green. Judy said Club 2011 will donate \$2K to 2.5K and probably the Library should contribute the same amount.
- James suggested making the road one way to gain more of the green. Keith said the road should be done by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Keith said the board should warn in the agenda that the board will meet at 7PM on the town green to review the proposal with Baerlein.

Judy got a letter from Mandy Spring Nursery offering to donate trees.

Judy asked about the Schindler invoice. Joe believes it is double billed due to work not done satisfactorily in the beginning. Wait for John Thrasher to handle.

Keith Mason, road foreman, re: Cliff's truck. Keith asked for direction from the board. It shouldn't be an issue to get rid of it now. Put the truck up for bid now. Joe suggested using the internet to broaden the prospects. James said the sale sign in the truck window should have the on-line address for bids. *Motion by James, seconded by Joe, to advertize 2001 International Tandem on line with bids due by April 16<sup>th</sup>. So voted.*

Elizabeth Gibson: The designated liaisons for certain positions were missed at the organizational meeting. *Motion by James, seconded by Deck, to appoint Bob and Mike as the WPWWTF liaisons, Joe and James as the Town buildings and grounds liaisons, and Joe and Deck as the Highway liaisons, so voted.*

Elizabeth said the Energy Group will host the PACE presenter on the first Monday in April. Homeowners can get loans for energy improvements. This is done by VEIC. The notice is being sent out soon. There will also be an article in the paper on Sunday.

The spring Newsletter will be going out in April. Please get info to Elizabeth by the next meeting.

The town needs to advertize for a new clerk for the board. Elizabeth can put it in the Newsletter and email. Elizabeth and Deb will write a letter with Karen and submit it to the board for approval.

Elizabeth said there is a Vermont Arts Council grant opportunity for the fire stair. It requires a 1:1 match. There was discussion with the board about the match, the location of the fire stair on the back side of the building, the availability of funds, the grant deadline, and the next grant opportunity. The Board feels there isn't any funding this year. Joe will contact the Vermont Division for Historic preservation to discuss putting the fire escape on the west side of the building. Elizabeth, Karen, and Sue will attend the educational meeting next week.

Deck wrote grants for roads. These require 25% from the town in in-kind services. Deck needs the board's approval to sign the grants. *Motion by Joe, seconded by James, to allow Deck to sign the grants representing the select board. So voted.*

### **Correspondence:**

Peter Pochop letter suggesting getting interim financing from the bank because all the money needs to be spent before it will be reimbursed with the loan from USDA. Mike will give the letter to Judy, and the engineering agreement to John Thrasher.

Agency of Transportation letter of highway mileage. Deb has emailed the information. Deck will double check with Deb.

Ceglowski and Thrasher Town of Pawlet Planning Commission's contract with the RRPC for writing the proposed subdivision regulations. Mike signed it.

Rutland Regional Transportation Council representative. Currently Eric Mach, alternate: none. It was the consensus of the board to make it the same this year.

The Clerk's memo was reviewed

- Liz Kurjiaka has confirmed her resignation effective immediately. She will stay until a replacement can be found. The Board suggested Elizabeth put the information in the Newsletter. Deb can help Elizabeth with it.
- Another reminder of the Selectboard Institute I on March 31<sup>st</sup> and Selectboard Institute II on April 28<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in attending. James will be attending in April.
- FYI: email from JoAnne Nichols, Cruelty Response System Project Coordinator, from the VT Humane Federation
- RRPC Grant Agreement that needs to be signed by Mike Beecher. Mike signed it.
- Please sign the final copy of the Town Meeting Minutes. The board signed it.
- Town Health Officer Recommendation Form
- All liquor/tobacco licenses have been sent to the merchants with the exception of the Barn Restaurant. Deb has reminded Mark.

The WWTF memo was reviewed.

Letter of request for a quote on the town's fuel needs from Irving. They cover diesel, heating oil and propane. Keith recommended staying with the current contract. Keith will respond to Irving.

The Planning Commission January meeting minutes were reviewed.

Letter from FEMA regarding the final review adopted 12-27-11.

Proposal for painting the town hall. Joe and James will review.

Keith needs to do a sign inventory, broken down by road. This will be done once the culvert map is finished.

**9:15 PM Motion to adjourn by Deck, so voted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Folger, clerk