

MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

March 8, 2011

7pm Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Sue LaPorte, and handed over to Chair Mike Beecher at 7:02 pm

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

Audience present: Karen Folger, Elaine Decker, Jay Leubke, Glenn Munson, Beth Kashner, James Glick, Elizabeth Gibson

Motion by Deck, seconded by Sue to nominate Karen Folger as clerk. So voted.

Minutes of February 22, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to accept the minutes. So voted.*

Organizational Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Deck to accept the minutes. So voted.*

Town Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to accept the minutes with corrections. So voted.*

7:15pm Library Board

The handicap ramp was discussed.

- Photos of the accumulated snow and ice on the handicap ramp were shown to the board
- They have a heated sidewalk and can keep it clear, but the utility bill is too high
- The ramp was put up by the PPC
- It was suggested that a shed roof be built to keep the snow and ice from the library roof off it.
- The library board suggested that the town engage an engineer to design the roof
- The ramp has separated from the building, possibly due to the snow and ice load.
- Glenn Munson contacted Marty Kravitt regarding the design of the ramp, and Marty indicated he was willing to assist. Deck stated that would be fine as long as there is no cost to the town. Glenn will pursue.
- The building is not currently ADA-compliant, since they have to turn people away
- Jay will research exemptions through ADA

- Beth will research grant money

Clearing the steps was discussed.

- The road crew only clears the steps after the roads have been cleared
- Discussed hiring a maintenance person part-time in winter to keep steps clear

The bucket catching the leak was discussed.

- Joe will contact Stan Decker

Drainage on the road in front of the library was discussed.

- The drainage problem will be addressed when the new parking area is constructed.

7:42pm Final Hearing on Zoning Regulation Amendments

James Glick summarized the DRB and updated ordinances. Mike asked for questions or comments. There were none. *Motion by Sue, seconded by Deck to accept ordinances as edited. So voted. Bob abstained.*

Audience:

Elizabeth Gibson attended the Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting and reported on the Rutland County energy challenge. The RRPC has received \$4.5 million in DOE funds and has set a goal for each town in Rutland County for home energy audits.

- Upgrades to Municipal buildings will be given away
- Home energy audits will cost \$75
- Low interest loans plus \$2,500 incentive will be available for homeowners
- The goal for Pawlet is 48 home audits, and they hope half will follow through with improvements

CVPS has LED street lights available to towns – to be paid for through their regular monthly payments. The town has 63 street lights. Deck will pursue. The board approves LEDs for street lights.

Karen Folger will meet with the plaster stabilization contractor on Monday, March 14th at 1pm at the town hall to discuss the work to be done.

Correspondence:

The Town Service Officer appointment was signed by the board

The Liquor and Tobacco license for Dutchies Store was signed

Ms. Vaicunas complained that her mailbox was hit by a town plow truck and has disappeared. Deck explained that the town is not responsible.

Dale Decker has notified the town that he is taking vacation for 6 days and Stan Decker is on call to cover his hours

The board signed the VTrans papers due March 15th

Jay and Dolores Leubke are putting solar panels on their property behind the church.

Other Business

Joe will discuss the contract with Schindler regarding the low usage of the elevator and the still unresolved hydraulics issues.

Bob reported a call from someone on New Street in West Pawlet complaining that the sewer was backing into her basement. It was determined it was not the sewer, but ground water. The fire department pumped her basement out.

Message from Town Clerk Deb Hawkins:

- Lou Lertolla sent a thank-you for the vet exemption.
- The kitchen refrigerator compressor is gone. *It is the consensus of the board to purchase a new refrigerator.*

Joe received a complaint that Jewel Trucking company is using Buttons Falls Road, a posted road, for through traffic. Deb will draw up a letter to Jewel Trucking, which the chair will sign. Joe will provide details and dates.

Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to go into executive session, inviting Elaine Decker, Lister, to attend, at 8:30pm.

Out of executive session at 9:05 with no decision. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe to give Ray Duquette \$12/hr to start as lister, to be re-evaluated in July. So voted.*

9:08pm Motion by Deck, seconded by Bob to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, clerk