



## MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

May 31, 2011

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

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

Audience present: Estelle Leach, Kevin Mason, Charlie Mason, Ray Duquette, JoAnn Reid, Don DiChiara, Beth Kashner, Helen Wood, Keith Mason

Minutes of May 17, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Deck to accept the minutes with corrections. So voted.*

### Audience

#### Estelle Leach

- 1) Estelle brought to the select board's attention that she felt the tax mapping company made an egregious error on a parcel she purchased. She contacted Cartographics and they will review and correct any errors. Charlie stated that without a survey, it is difficult for the mapping company to get it exact. Mike asked Charlie to discuss it with Cartographics.
- 2) The monument in West Pawlet needs to be maintained. The curb is deteriorated and there is a yield sign right in front of the monument. She has planted flowers. She would also like to see some pavement markings. Deck will arrange a meeting with the state to determine what can be done.
- 3) She requested grant applications for the Agency of Transportation. Deck will meet with her next week.
- 4) Do the select board members have handbooks? Mike responded that they do.
- 5) Trying to beautify West Pawlet, she and others have trimmed around the Fish and Game building.
- 6) Does the Highway department have a summer maintenance schedule and list of projects? Keith said he would have that shortly.
- 7) The vehicle maintenance schedule, project schedule, and hours for the highway department were discussed, as well as a computer program to track this.

**Kevin Mason** asked about dust control on Kelly Hill Road. Keith said it is done as it's graded. Kevin asked how far 5,000 yards of crushed gravel will go. Deck said that's all we have the

money for at this time. Kevin asked if the gravel being crushed is coming from the town gravel pit. Deck said it is.

**Charlie Mason, Lister**, stated that they may not need the Grand List extension.

**JoAnn Reid** said that the town needs to spruce up the park in West Pawlet for the 2011 celebration.

**Beth Kashner** said the Farmers' Holiday Market at the library was a huge success, and requested the board allow the library to use the green for a Friday Farmers' Market from 3-6.

**Helen Wood** will provide drafts of other market agreements. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to use the green for a farmers' market once the criteria are determined. So voted.* Beth will put surveyor's tape around the green and plant grass in areas now worn down by cars parking there.

**Ray Duquette** will get a price on precast concrete curbs.

**Keith Mason** suggested changing the contractor bid opening to a regular meeting and sending letters notifying them of the change. The board agreed.

### **Correspondence**

The US Department of Commerce sent information on how to find profiles in the census.

The NRCS sent information on eligibility for emergency watershed protection.

### **Unfinished Business**

Regarding the pool in West Pawlet, Liz wrote a draft letter of intent which Mike reviewed and signed. Dave Ricard delivered it. Mrs. Wood refused to allow Liz on the property to supervise the draining. According to Mrs. Wood, the pool was drained properly by Mrs. Wood's brother. A hole was punched in the pool after her brother left.

Mike read the letter Deb drafted to the Wastewater plant neighbor regarding debris left in the driveway from plowing snow across the highway.

Joe said the Schindler contract for the elevator takes the light use amount and cuts it in half. There is an extension on the current contract until the end of June. Schindler will check the elevator before the contract runs out. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Sue to accept the contract. So voted.*

The board signed the grant de-obligating funds for the Tadmer job.

Joe met with the fire marshal and measured the auditorium floor space. There needs to be a conversation with the Pawlet fire chief. Sue and Joe will meet with Jim Andrus and Dave Hosley

to coordinate a drill with the elevator. Joe and the fire marshal also discussed the library exit and winter maintenance. The basement door exit was of most concern.

The truck box repair is still two weeks out, per Keith. Regarding sanding bodies: the consensus was to wait until fall and advertize them again.

### **New Business**

The Clerk's memo was read.

- Deb received an anonymous call from a Herrick Brook Road resident concerning ATV usage, stating the residents weren't notified. The board stated that the usage was warned for public hearing, and no one showed up.
- Residents on Kelly Hill complained about excessive garbage and waste on a particular property. Deb has contacted Liz Kurjiaka and Dave Ricard.
- The town received a thank-you for appropriating funds for the Southwestern Council on Aging.
- There is a BCA meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> for the biennial purge of the checklist.

### **Any Other Business**

Walt Kurjiaka contacted Mike about storm water runoff from the church.

Estelle Leach asked about the potholes in the parking lot across from Dutchie's. Keith said that is a matter of town policy.

Sue said Energy Efficiency will be back this Friday at 8AM.

**8:48pm** *Motion by Sue, seconded by Joe to adjourn. So voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk