



## MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

May 3, 2011

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

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

Audience present: Jay Leubke, Glenn Munson, Elizabeth Gibson, Keith Mason

Minutes of April 19, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Bob to accept the minutes with corrections. So voted.*

### **Audience**

**Jay Leubke and Glenn Munson** from the Library board had further information on snow guards

- They met with Tom Collard, who told them Evergreen Slate no longer installs Alpine Snow Guards
- They contacted Alpine directly. Alpine does not have a rep, so Pawlet must work with their own contractor.
- Glenn presented a formal letter from Marty Kravitt regarding his recommendations.
- Glenn presented photos of Steve Schaub's studio roof with snow guards from a different company.
- Jay presented a citation from the fire marshal
- Bob suggested asking if Tom Collard could recommend a roofer who is knowledgeable about snow guards.
- Mike said more research is necessary, and the ramp also needs to be maintained.
- Deck will contact roofers and Joe will talk to Stan Decker.

**Keith Mason** discussed Highway Department business.

- The issue with the stainless steel dump box is still unresolved, but Keith is continuing to pursue it.

- He presented a price quote from Gary Baierlein for the board to review. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe, to accept the Baierlein quote on the 5500. Mike abstained. So voted.*
- The Nelson Blanchard letter of recommendation for Kelly Hill Road was discussed. VTrans will do their work on 133 before Pawlet raises the grade on Kelly Hill Road.
- The strategy with the gravel pit was discussed.
- The storm drain in West Pawlet on Rte 153 was discussed.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk's memo was reviewed.

- The board reviewed the liquor license for Rubber Boot Farm, Inc. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Bob to sign the license. So voted.*
- John Thrasher's letter of intent to serve on the Planning Commission was read. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to appoint John to the Planning Commission. So voted.*
- James Glick pointed out to Deb that neither John nor Eric could be on the DRB due to a conflict of interest. We still have a vacancy on the DRB. Elizabeth will put a notice on the website and on the Newsletter email list.
- Regarding the old refrigerator, Elizabeth will find out what options are available for disposal.

Deck informed the board of a letter detailing the structure inspection. There is some incorrect information in it that he will have corrected. He will discuss the other inspection results with Keith.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

- The Audit contract was read. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Deck to seek other CPA firm quotes to determine if the Audit Firm Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner's rates are competitive before signing the contract. So voted.*
- The budget vs. expenditures was discussed. Joe will talk to Judy.
- The DOL letter concerning appointed positions vs. elected positions was read.
- Mike will email the Michael Smith insurance information to Judy.

### **Unfinished Business**

Joe will talk to the Assistant Fire Marshall, Matt Jakubowski, at Fire and Safety regarding a safe number for the auditorium. The fire departments have expressed an interest in doing a disaster drill in the auditorium. They would also like to do a drill for the elevator.

### **New Business**

The VLCT legislature newsletter indicates a bill (S-67) regarding open meeting regulations is in the house. This would deal with web sites, and if Pawlet's website is designated as an official posting location, the meeting warnings and agendas must be posted to that site.

The VLCT safety inspector left grant forms at the town garage that would help deal with the items the town has been cited on.

The safety inspector also noted that the fire extinguisher inspections aren't being done monthly, as required. The town has a contract with Howard's Fire Control.

There is debris in the Wastewater Plant driveway as a result of a neighbor's plowing over the winter. The board will have Deb draft a letter and send it to the neighbor in question.

Mike said Dave Hosley attended a Rutland County Firefighters' meeting and had some concerns about State death benefits for firefighters. He stated that it helps with the clarity if the fire department has a written agreement with the town, and asked if John Thrasher write something up.

**Any Other Business**

The select board clerk's hours vs. budgeted amount was discussed. The board will try and find ways to streamline the process to help prevent going over the budgeted amount.

**9:49pm** *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to adjourn. So voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk