



MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

October 18, 2011

7:04 PM Meeting called to order by vice-chair Sue LaPorte

Present: Sue LaPorte, Joe Clark, Clarence Decker, Bob Jones, Mike Beecher (7:07)

Audience Present: John Williams, Keith Mason, Elaine Decker, Charlie Mason, Dave Ricard, Alice Ricard, Peter Pochop

The Minutes of October 4, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Bob, to accept the minutes as written, so voted.*

Audience

Jack Williams: Re: donating his quarry property across from the town garage in West Pawlet to the town of Pawlet

- Deck checked with the town attorney and act 250 to be sure the town could accept it. The town can accept gifts of land.
- The board reviewed the maps of the property.
- Mike asked if anyone could see any drawbacks to acquiring the property, insurance or otherwise. Deck will check with the insurance companies. Joe suggested having the insurance company physically inspect the property.
- Keith suggested looking into the tax implications of the acquisition. Elaine looked up the assessed value for the board. It is presently valued at \$213,140 industrial village property.
- The board discussed subdividing the property in the future to help offset any possible costs incurred.
- *Motion by Sue, seconded by Deck, to continue the investigation of the property transfer.*

Charlie Mason, Lister: PVR requested information from the listers regarding losses from Tropical Storm Irene. Charlie feels that PVR is looking into possible tax abatement for losses. Bob asked if any houses in Pawlet were a total loss. Sue named 4-5 houses.

Keith Mason, Road Foreman:

- The culvert is in by Cole Bridge.
- The plow for the 5500 still isn't in.

- They are waiting to put a radio in the truck until all the other controls are in place.
- The sand is being piled.

Dave Ricard, Constable: Re: The Derusha dog case

- The dog owner did not attend tonight's meeting as he had said he would.
- Deb was able to provide Dave with everything he needed.
- The owner has not come up with the fees necessary to release the dogs.
- The owners did not keep their appointment with the humane society to get rid of the rest of their dogs.

Peter Pochop, Green Mountain Engineering, re: waste water treatment facility upgrade.

- GME will meet with Jeff Ferris from the state on Friday in West Pawlet to get the approval done.
- Peter has received an offer from RD for funding. He handed out packet to the board. RD has offered a \$545,000 grant and a \$666,000 loan based on the current estimate.
- Peter presented the board with various options for the users, different loan options, and length of loans.
- The estimate includes a 10% contingency. The bids could come in lower. RD requires that the town use the loan first, then the grant.
- If the bond is voted down, the planning loan has to be paid back. The bond can be re-voted twice more.
- *Motion by Joe, seconded by Deck, to approve scenario #2 with a half a cent on the grand list. Two in favor, three against, motion failed. Motion by Bob, seconded by Sue to approve scenario #3 with one cent on the grand list. Three in favor, two against, so voted.*

Correspondence

The Clerk's memo was reviewed.

- Memorandum regarding update on Irene Recovery Package and CDL package.
- Email from Peter Pochop regarding scenarios for RD funding.
- Copy of warning that appeared in the October issue of the Lakes Region Free Press, scheduled to appear in the next two issues as well.
- Email from Jacki Lappen regarding serving as clerk for DRB and her request for pay. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe, to appoint Jacki as clerk, so voted. Motion by Deck, seconded by Bob to appoint Keith Mason as alternate, so voted.*
- The Noel Sodher meeting results.
- Chris Derusha stopped at the Clerk's office.

The Wastewater Memo was reviewed.

Employee performance evaluations are due. Packets were handed out.

Unfinished business

Joe will accompany Jeff on inspections.

Sue reported that the energy efficiency meeting last week resulted in two families signing up. The town hall evaluation indicated more insulation is needed in the attic, and storm windows are needed.

Deck said there will be a Betts Bridge meeting at the town hall on Friday morning, October 21. The bridge has moved. FEMA will pay for the engineering. Deck has submitted the other bills for repairs to FEMA.

The fire departments have computed the fire department hours, etc. for Irene response. The equipment use can be reimbursed, but not man hours. The departments had to show where each man was, and for how long, anyway.

There will be a site visit to damaged areas – will reimburse for temporary repairs and permanent repairs.

The Sawmill Road bridge may be 6 inches too high, but the work was approved.

New Business

Richard Cleveland picked up an emergency management packet. There are about 400 hours of classes necessary for the emergency management coordinator. Keith said that often in other towns the fire chief is the emergency management coordinator.

Any Other Business

9:55 PM *Motion to adjourn by Deck, so voted.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk