

## MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

April 5, 2011

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

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

Audience present: Keith Mason, Jay Leubke, Glenn Munson

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

### **Audience**

**Jay Leubke and Glenn Munson** from the library board.

- They telephoned Meg Campbell of the Preservation Trust of Vermont regarding a possible roof for the ramp, and she discouraged that approach.
- They met with Marty Kravitt regarding the handicap ramp snow buildup, and he suggested snow guards for the roof.
- Photos of the snow problems were circulated among the board members.
- The board suggested pursuing the snow guard option, and to have Stan Decker present for the consultation.

**Keith Mason**, road commissioner

- Keith gave the board the snow plow prices he investigated. This would be for a used vehicle to replace the 550.
- Joe asked about shipping charges and where the companies were located.
- Keith and Joe will pursue the option of purchasing a local used vehicle that would suit their purpose.
- Keith presented the board with photos showing fatigue and structural failure in the stainless steel box on the 2008 truck. He has started a discussion with the dealer, and will continue to pursue the matter.
- Regarding an insurance claim on a plow, they have had no response, but will continue to pursue it.
- Joe asked about the compressor for the shop. Keith said he would rather replace it than pay \$800 to have it tested and still have the possibility of it failing the test and need to be

replaced anyway. The tank dates from the 1950s. It was the consensus of the board to get a new compressor. Keith will investigate prices.

### **Correspondence**

FEMA inspected the culvert by Bob Jones' house

Deck composed a letter to forfeit the grant for the culvert on Tadmer Road due to the inability to fulfill the requirements. This was signed by the board.

James Glick submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission. He will not accept another term due to personal reasons.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission is having an Open House on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 5-7 PM

The board received information from the US Department of Commerce on how to challenge results of the 2010 Census.

Vermont Animal Cruelty sent a letter to all the select board members reminding them of the Vermont State Law regarding euthanasia, as a follow-up to the drowning of an unclaimed stray cat by a local official. The board will send a copy of the letter to Dave Ricard.

Inergy Propane would like to be considered for bids on fuel products purchased by the municipality.

The town of Poultney is inviting Pawlet to participate in their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration with the theme "Happy Birthday" in honor of our towns celebrating our 250<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Witherbee would like the option to bid on work for the town of Pawlet.

### **Unfinished Business**

Deck indicated that the parking lot application is ready to go to the Planning Commission, and James will attend the hearing.

Joe contacted the assistant fire marshal regarding the use of the auditorium. The limit is 143 people. We have a variance to use the space. Joe feels all activities for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration should be held at the school. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Bob not to have the events for the celebration weekend in the auditorium and moved to the school due to one fire exit. So voted.*

The board will review the auditorium rental policy for the next meeting.

### **New Business**

The Clerk's memo was reviewed.

- The new refrigerator is in place. Would the select board please dispose of the old one?

- Will the board approve the new clerk training for Melissa? *Motion by Bob, seconded by Joe to approve the new clerk training. So voted.*

A memo from the listers reminded the board about the town officers education conference.

The Request for Proposal for the exterior painting contractor was reviewed. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Deck to put an ad in the paper to generate the most responses. So voted.*

The Treasurer's memo was reviewed.

- Regarding the unemployment claim: *Motion by Joe, seconded by Deck to dispute. So voted.*

Karen presented the plasterer's proposal to the board. Karen will contact him to draw up a contract and provide proof of insurance.

Sue left the energy audit grant application for the board to review. Deb will mail.

#### **Any Other Business**

AFLAC has requested to be put on the agenda for the April 19<sup>th</sup> select board meeting.

9:30 pm *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to adjourn. So voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk