

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
August 2, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Jonas Rosenthal
Sue Laporte
Eric Mach
Judy Coolidge

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors (this item was taken out of order)

Ms. LaPorte and the building committee propose to hire a consultant to provide assessment/ appraisal of the ceiling. The appraisal would be \$250 and would allow the committee to pursue a \$20,000 grant.

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- No report
2. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. The production of the culverts for the Tadmer Rd Project and the North Pawlet Road Culverts are on schedule. The Tadmer Rd Project will begin August 8th and the North Pawlet Road project will start in Late August or Early September.
 - b. The 08 IH tandem truck is still in the shop with major repairs.
 - c. Mr. Mason discussed an issue on Cemetery Hill Rd with the board.
 - d. The board discussed the application of calcium chloride and the condition of the application trailer. The consensus of the board is to have the town road crew to refurbish the trailer for the fall application.
 - e. Mack truck has all new tires.
 - f. The board discussed a letter from Ken Friedman regarding hydraulic changes to North Pawlet Rd.

- g. Ms. Ludlam reported to the board a complaint from citizens about drainage from a town road.
 - h. Mr. Mach, speaking on behalf of his mother, brought a concern to the board about the driveway apron on her driveway. The board approved a plan to add more apron to reduce the angle of the slope.
- 3. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - a. The planning commission has adopted the state language for floodplain regulations by combining the river corridor regulations with the floodplain regulations.
 - b. This month, the commission will review the zoning districts. There are likely to be changes to the industrial zones. Also, the village commercial zone will be increased.
 - c. There will be hearings in two months.
- 4. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
- 5. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - c. Ms. Coolidge asked about a possible road name change on School St, which will not be changed.
 - d. Ms. Coolidge would like to wait until grievance is complete on August 12 and 13th to send tax bills. That means taxes will be due October 10th and the select board would have a special meeting to set the tax rate. The board agreed to this plan.
 - e. Ms. Coolidge is also waiting to hear from the BRSU to set the education tax rate.
 - f. Ms. Coolidge shared some tentative tax rates with the board. Because the grand list has been devalued, the tax rates have to increase to keep funding steady.
- 6. Emergency Management Director's Memo
 - a. Reviewed Emergency Management Director's Memo
- 7. Health Officer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed Health Officer's Memo
- 8. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
- 9. WWTF
 - a. Mr. Beecher reported on communications he has had with Paul Oleander. Mr. Oleander is tentatively scheduled to meet with Mr. Beecher the week of August 8th.

Item 7: Visit from Jonas Rosenthal, candidate for State Representative.

Mr. Rosenthal discussed some conversations that he had with wastewater professionals that he has worked with. Mr. Rosenthal discussed some possible solutions for the wastewater treatment facility Mr. Rosenthal discussed the possibility of applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to repair the facility.

Mr. Rosenthal spoke for a few minutes regarding his experience and reasons for running for office.

Item 8: Old Business

1. Approval of the bids: Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve Fuller Sand and Gravel's bid for Paving North Pawlet Rd, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
2. Mr. Cleveland reported on the July 20 tax sale. The next tax sale is August 17th, 2016.
3. Mr. Beecher said that Gary Baierlein has agreed to set the foundation for the War Memorial on the Pawlet Town Green.

Item 9: New Business

No new business.

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm, Ms. Ludlam seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hughes-Muse, Select Board Administrative Assistant.