

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
August 30, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Elaine Decker
Elizabeth Gibson
Eric Mach

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:02 pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Review minutes of the August 23, 2016 special meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Elizabeth Gibson stated that during the election polling, a sign-up sheet gained more subscribers to the town's e-news. Ms. Gibson also stated that Sally Fishburne visited to right a report for the grant application that will be submitted on October 3rd. Ms. Gibson is sending a "Thank You" letter to the Preservation Trust of Vermont, thanking them for their contribution to the grant to write the report.

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- No report
2. Town Hall Restoration Committee- reported earlier in appearances by Citizens.
3. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. Road crew is focused on the North Pawlet Rd culvert replacement.
 - b. The board discussed equipment maintenance issues.
 - c. The road crew is getting complaints about the North Pawlet Rd being closed.
 - d. The select board reviewed a letter from Jim Andrus regarding down trees along the edge of Pawlet Danby Rd. The board agreed that this work is on the list of things to be done when other work is slow.
 - e. The board discussed the encroachment onto the travelled portion of Cemetery Hill Rd.

- f. Mr. Jones brought an issue regarding Buttons Falls and the right of way. By consensus of the board, the board will send a letter to ask Mr. Valerie to remove boulders placed on the side of the road by Button Falls Bridge.
 - g. The road crew has begun spreading chloride on the gravel roads to control dust.
 - h. Mr. Cleveland asked when paving would begin. Mr. Mason stated that it would begin in September.
4. Zoning Administrator's Report –
 - a. The planning commission is finalizing the changes and updates to the Unified Bylaws.
 - b. Paul Elsholz is resigning as a member of the planning commission, but has agreed to remain as the clerk of the Planning Commission.
 - c. Mr. Beecher asked that the opening be posted and interested parties should send a letter of intent to the Select Board by the 27th of September.
5. Town Lister's Report-
 - a. The Listers asked the selectboard to sign the errors and omissions report. This report would approve the changes to the grand list. Mr. Weeden made a motion to approve the Errors and Omissions Report, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - b. Mr. Beecher asked for Ms. Decker's opinion and thoughts on the reappraisal. She stated that it is cheaper than if the town hired it out.
6. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
7. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Mr. Weeden made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - c. Ms. Coolidge notified the board that there will be changes to the tax rate based on changes on the Grand List. The general fund rate changed from 0.2165 to 0.2169. The highway fund rate changed from 0.2322 to 0.2327. Mr. Weeden made a motion to accept the changes to the tax rate, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - d. Mr. Weeden made a motion to set the Wastewater Fee Rate to \$630.00 per unit, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
8. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
 - b. The board discussed the potential closure of the landfill and the water quality assessments.

9. WWTF -

- a. Mr. Beecher updated the board on the RBC cleaning and regeneration at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The WWTF began using the 4 holding tanks, where we used to only use 2 tanks. Paul Olander is working on developing a plan for dewatering the heavy sludge.

Item 7: Old Business

No old business.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm, Mr. Weeden seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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