

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
December 06, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Tim Makepeace
Kim Ayers
Charlie Mason
Elaine Decker
Karen Folger
Anne Marie Havel Maiello
James Dunn
Janine Seitz
Elizabeth Gibson
David Ricard
Frank Nelson
John Thrasher

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 November 22, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

- a) Mr. Makepeace (member of Wells Selectboard) asked if it is Pawlet's intention to purchase the borrowed spreader (borrowed from the Town of Wells) that sits in the 1996 Mack truck. The board discussed the condition of the sander and stated that they are

interested in purchasing the sander from the Town of Wells. The Town of Wells is interested in selling it to Pawlet for \$4,000.

- b) Ms. Maiello came to discuss damage that occurred to her property as a result of the snow plow. She asked to know why the snow plow driver was so reckless and how the town can repair it. Mr. Beecher explained the difference between the right of way and travelled portion of the road. Mr. Mason and Mr. Beecher stated that the existing width is not large enough to properly maintain the road. Ms. Ludlam agreed and added that the entire garden area is technically in the town's right of way and that because it is not level with the road surface it makes it harder to navigate around. Mr. Mason also explained the physics and dimensions of the plow trucks. The front of the plow is 11 feet off the front of the truck. Mr. Beecher stated that the board feels that the town crew did the best job they could. Mr. Beecher provided Ms. Maeillo a copy of an introduction to [Vermont Highway Law](#).
- c) Ms. Seitz came to ask about using the auditorium to rent the space for tap dancing. Ms. Seitz stated that the tap shoes would not harm the floors any more than the chairs that are in use. The [calendar](#) that shows events at the town hall is available on the town website, so that the tap dancing group can schedule a time that there are not meetings or office work while tap dance practice is happening. The [Town Hall Rental Agreement](#) is also available on the website. The selectboard is encouraging the use of the auditorium and is encouraged by Ms. Seitz's request.

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- Nothing to Report
2. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. The crew has been working on the storm.
 - b. The selectboard and the foreman discussed purchasing the sander from the Town of Wells. The consensus of the board is to offer \$2,000 to buy it or to rent it for \$1,000/ year for the next two year.
 - c. Mr. Mason and the board discussed the possibility of hiring a rock crusher to work at the slag pile. This would allow for faster improvement of small sections of town road.
3. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - a. The Planning Commission's public hearing was the unified zoning bylaws.
 - i. Deleted the change to the industrial zone.
 - ii. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing at 7pm on January 3rd, 2017 to review the proposed changes to the unified bylaws and then will continue with their regular meeting after the conclusion of the public hearing.

- b. Lyle Jepson, of the REDC (Rutland Economic Development Corporation), would like to meet jointly with Pawlet Select Board and the Pawlet Planning Commission to discuss marketing and economic development in Pawlet. The board has scheduled this for the February 14, 2017
 - c. Ethan Swift would like to meet with the planning commission and selectboard to discuss the tactical basin planning. This will be scheduled for January 31st, 2017.
- 4. Delinquent Tax Collector's Report
 - a. Ms. Ayers discussed the four properties that will be sent to Attorney O'Toole to be processed for a tax sale.
- 5. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo
- 6. Emergency Management Director's Memo
 - a. Reviewed memo
- 7. Health Officer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed memo
- 8. 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.
- 9. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo
- 10. WWTF

Item 7: Old Business

- 1. Mr. Thrasher asked for a signature on the quitclaim deed that the board moved and approved on October 25, 2016 regular meeting of the Selectboard.
- 2. Mr. Cleveland discussed the hiring of the architect to study moving the handicap access ramp on the library. The Vermont Preservation Trust has awarded the town \$250 to help cover the cost of the architect.
- 3. The listers presented a revised budget for their department. The consulting assessor that has been working with the town has passed away. The lister's budget request increased their budget by \$6,469 for FY17-18. The selectboard discussed the need for more hours in the lister's office. The budget increase is largely due to the increase in the salary line item and would represent a 2% increase in hourly wage and an additional 345 hours annually.
- 4. The Lister's also requested that John Thrasher represent the town in the PBR hearing.

5. At 8:47 pm, Mr. Weeden made the motion that the board should enter executive session in order to discuss the evaluation of a public officer or employee per 1 V.S.A. § 313(3)(a)(3) for the purpose of setting the budget, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, voted and approved.
At 9:37, the Selectboard exited executive session with no formal or binding actions taken.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Ms. Weeden made a motion to adjourn at 9:39 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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