

Draft Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
December 20, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Lars Lund
Harley Stearns
Elizabeth Gibson
Frank Nelson
James Glick

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 December 6, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Cleveland made motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Lars Lund and Harley Stearns, visiting on behalf of the Pawlet and West Pawlet Fire Department and is notifying the board that the PFD and WPFD will increase their budget by 55%-60%, roughly from \$80,000 split between two departments up somewhere between \$130,000 to \$150,000, in order to cover operating costs and to begin building a fund to purchase new equipment to replace the old equipment, some of which is more than 20 years old. The board expressed the need to be prepared for questioning during town meeting and warned that they should be prepared to discuss the possibility of consolidation. The board also suggested that the fire departments split the budget request into the current budget and an additional equipment fund.

Frank Nelson discussed the possibility of pre-empting the state regulations by investing in Wastewater treatment in the Village of Pawlet.

James Glick visited to discuss how alterations on the library would or would not impact his right of way along the southeast side of the building.

Item 5: Announcements

Pawlet Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on the updated Unified Bylaws to be held January 3rd at the Town Hall Conference Room at 7 pm

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- Nothing to Report
2. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. Mr. Weeden made a motion to return the sander to the Town of Wells, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - b. Mr. Mason and the board discussed the plan for purchasing a new truck when the 2013 Mack is paid for.
 - c. Mr. Jones discussed a puddling issue that a resident called him about on Betts Bridge Rd.
3. Zoning Administrator's Report.
 - a. Lyle Jepson, of the REDC (Rutland Economic Development Corporation), will 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 January 31st, 2017.
4. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. No Memo
5. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Mr. Cleveland made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.
6. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo
7. WWTF
 - a. Mr. Beecher updated the board on the WWTF and reviewed a letter from Paul Olander to Jeff Tornyos about the WWTF.

Item 7: Old Business

The board discussed the budget, briefly.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

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

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