

Draft Minutes for Town of Pawlet Select Board
Pawlet Town Hall
September 15, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Sarah Ludlam
Bob Jones
Charles Weeden
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Keith Mason
Kim Ayers
Nancy Morlino
Elizabeth Gibson
Jodie Ruck
Timothy Hughes-Muse

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Item 1: Review Past Meeting Minutes: Sarah, Mike, and Chuck made edits to the Minutes of the September 1st, 2015 meeting of the Select Board. Chuck made motion to accept the minutes with the edits, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 2: Kim Ayers regarding tax sale and collection

Many properties put up in a Tax Sale require an Attorney to complete a title search. Because the Select Board did not bid on the property, the Attorney did not get paid for the title search because there was no bid. Attorney O'Toole requests that if there is a tax sale, that the town bids on the property. Mr. Weeden and Mr. Cleveland prefer not to have the town bid and purchase properties. Mr Beecher and Ms. Ludlam would like to better understand why and when other towns occasionally bid on the tax sales.

In order to address the problem MS. Ayers presented: For new tax sales, the Select Board will approve an Attorney to perform a title search and subsequent advertising and associated expenses.

Sarah made a motion the the town of Pawlet will cover Attorney O'Toole fees associated with the recent tax sale. Additionally, the town of Pawlet will hire an Attorney to perform title searches on tax properties. Fees incurred by the town regarding tax sales will be added to the property's tax bill, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 2: Road Foreman's Report

- New Street Project looks very nice, and came out better than Mr. Mason had hoped.
- Rob Faley, of Vtrans District 3 and 1, will be meeting at 10 am on Thursday the 16th at gravel pit to review acquisition of the gravel pit. This is a preliminary review.
- Recall on Dodge Truck. To be fixed in Granville.

- Planning on putting tires on trucks and preparing vehicles for winter.
- Paving soon.
- Warren Switch Culvert to begin within two weeks.
- Memo regarding use of slag file needs to be sent out.
- The State of Vermont has an workshop on how to adjust air brakes. Mr. Mason and Mr. Beecher may attend.

Item 3: Energy Group, Nancy Morlino

Karen Folger, contacted Ms. Morlino regarding the heating and cooling system. The original architect would like to bid on the project.

The heating system is leaking. Need someone as soon as possible. Tim will get Richard Baker in ASAP.

Ed received a quote for 110v 15,000 btu a/c units that the town could purchase to put in.\$897

Chuck made a motion to purchase the two units.

Consultant coming on Thursday to give Ed advice on heating the upstairs of the Town Hall.

Time TBD.

Item 4: Jodie Ruck

Ms. Ruck is concerned about the trash that is dumped at the turnaround on Warren Switch Rd.

Ms. Ruck has spent almost \$200 this summer to remove the trash.

Technically, it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove the trash. Mr. Jones states that the town and road crew cannot be involved in removing garbage. The problem has existed for a long time. Mr. Beecher suggest contacting the constable regarding the problem.

Item 6: Elizabeth Gibson

Ms. Gibson would like to know about the PACE program. The town is waiting to hear back from the PACE administration. Is there a limit to the amount of time that can pass between the voters' approval and the implementation of the program? MS. Ludlam will look into that question.

Town's Website update:

Serving well as the minutes for the public meeting of the town.

What forms can be added to the website:

- Marriage license information
- Application to rent Town Hall Auditorium

Item 6: West Pawlet Wastewater Plant

Final paperwork for the refurbishment has been submitted to Green Mountain Engineering. The system is working as it should.

Item 7: Reviewed Town Clerk's Memo

Glass on Stage in Town Auditorium needs to be replaced. The town will request a quote from Royal Glass. Tim will contact Royal Glass.

Request to Cater Malt, Vinous, and/ Spiritous Liquors for Bevo, LLC. Approved by the consent of the board.

Item 8: :Review Town Treasurer's Memo: Sarah made motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 9: Eric Mach requested the the Select Board go into executive session at 8:05 pm. The board ceased Executive session at 8:17 with no decisions made.

Item 10:

Land Use Permit to close gravel pit and operate a cement plant has been received by the town.

Item 11:

Ms. Ludlam says terrible and unfortunate car accident makes it more important to get the speed limit through the village of Pawlet reduced. Mr. Weeden mentioned that it was brought up at the town Planning Commission meeting.

Item 12:

Progress is being made with regards to parking on sidewalk in West Pawlet.

Ed Made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm, Sarah seconded, motion carried, voted and approved. Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hughes-Muse, Select Board Administrative Assistant.