

Draft Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
September 27, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Elizabeth Gibson
Eric Mach
Nancy Morlino
Frank Nelson

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:01 pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the September 13, 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

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- Ms. Morlino reported on the Energy Group's efforts to utilize the former landfill site as a 150 kW solar array. The Energy Group prefers this option because it keeps the energy credits in Vermont. Landfill sites are going to be re-designated. The board discussed the project and possible contractors. Ms. Ludlam asked for an update for the school solar array. The landfill site could accommodate the town buildings and 20-30 households.

2. Town Hall Restoration Committee

Ms. Gibson provided a summary of the grant application she will be submitting to the Vermont Historic Preservation Grant. The board discussed the matching grant. Ms. Gibson stated that the committee has a good track record of fundraising, however, the grant application requires that the town provide one half of the matching funds.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to approve the 2017 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant Application to restore the ceiling and skim coat the walls in the Town Hall Auditorium, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

3. Road Foreman's Report-

a. The crew has been working on grading, raking, and spreading grader.

- b. Mr. Mason suggested that the town budget for another 3,000 gallon tank for storage of chloride which would help keep the chloride flowing onto the roads.
 - c. The crew is still hauling stone from Dailey's when time permits.
 - d. Mr. Beecher stated that most of the gravel roads need to be graded again because they came up to washboard again. Mr. Weeden concurred.
 - e. Mr. Beecher asked about signs at Button Falls Rd. Mr. Mason stated that without an ordinance, there is no support for the signs. Mr. Mason stated that the landowner could put up signs.
 - f. The selectboard discussed the private use of the slag pile.
4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Mr. Mach reported on the progress of the Pawlet Planning Commission, which lacked a quorum to meet.
5. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo
 - b. The consensus of the board was to sign the Portal Services Agreement for Cott Systems.
6. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.
7. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo
8. WWTF -GME and Paul Olander have met to discussed solutions for the facility. There have been no new E.coli violations. Future challenges include controlling phosphorus.

Item 7: Old Business

1. Bathroom in auditorium is leaking.

Item 8: New Business

Appointment to the Pawlet Planning Commission. The selectboard received two letters of interest for an appointment to the commission. Mr. Weeden made a motion to appoint Richard Sassa to the Pawlet Planning Commission to until March 2018, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

The Pawlet School Board wants to put a referendum on the ballot. Mr. Weeden feels that it should be on the March Ballot, rather than the November ballot. The board discussed the reasons that the merger study committee has dissolved. Mr. Nelson discussed legislative possibilities regarding school mergers.

Mr. Nelson discussed the possibility of harvesting grey water in the Village of Pawlet and pumping it to a municipal mound system. This would eliminate some operating costs.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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