

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
February 28, 2017

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Sarah Ludlam
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Nancy Morlino
Brooke Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Frank Nelson
Kim Ayers
Martin Kravitts

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:04pm by Ms.Ludlam.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the February 14, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Brooke Hughes-Muse came to ask the Selectboard for use of the Town Auditorium for a yoga class on Saturday and Sunday over a six week trial period. The consensus of the board is to approve the use of the town hall for \$10 per weekend for the trial period. Mr. Weeden asked her to revisit the board after the trial period to set a schedule for the rest of the season.

Item 5: As a citizen, Ms. Morlino thanked Ms. Ludlam for her excellent service to the town. Mr. Nelson reported on the progress of the planning commission economic development.

Item 6: Announcements- There will be an Energy Fair in Town Hall Auditorium April 22nd, 2017

Item 7: Reports

1. Energy Group Report
 - a. The energy is requesting \$50- \$100 to print posters for the energy fair, to be held in the Town Hall. The board discussed the benefits of the project and unanimously approved the funds for the printing the posters.
2. Road Foreman's Report

- a. Mr. Mason reported on the state of the thawing roads. Heatherington Rd may be the worst, but it is on the mend and Mr. Mason spent time grading the road and clearing culverts.
 - b. Mr. Weeden commended the Pawlet Highway Crew and helpers for their excellent work on the Herrick Brook Road. The crew worked all day on Saturday and part of the day on Monday with Leon Corey so that the road could remain open to emergency vehicles. Mr. Mason and Mr Beecher noted that work like that could not have been performed anywhere else in town. Because the work was just off of Rt 133, the trucks did not tear up other stretches of road in order to access it. Furthermore, there was ample room for the trucks to turn around without causing more damage.
 - c. Mr. Mason asked the board to consider working on Rte 153 on the south side of Luebke's property because the road bed is failing. The culvert is not big enough to qualify for a Vtrans structures grant. Mr. Beecher stated that it will be added to the list of projects in the 2017 season.
 - d. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the VikingCives bid for Viking PLSD14 Combination spreader/dump body, wing plow, and front plow of \$62,700, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved. Mr. Mason can now order the Mack truck to fit the specification of this body.
 - e. Mr. Kravitt's asked about the plan for the repair of Rupert Mountain Rd near his driveway. Mr. Hughes-Muse relayed information regarding the plan and grant program that the town is applying for in order to repair the road. This road is scheduled to be worked on in 2017, depending on the success of the grant application.
3. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's' Memo
 4. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Mr. Weeden made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.
 5. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo.
 - b. Reviewed correspondence from citizen.
 - c. The board unanimously approved funds for Tim to attend the Spring Selectboard Institute in Montpelier.
 - d. Mr. Cleveland made a motion to purchase chromebooks for the town garage and WWTF, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried voted and approved.

6. WWTF

- a. Mr. Beecher debriefed the board on the most recent violation at the WWTF and detailed his efforts to resolve the problems.

Item 8: Old Business

Because when discussing the personnel policy, the selectboard will be discussing the evaluation of public employees, Mr. Weeden made a motion that the board enter executive session to discuss the evaluation of a public officer or employee pursuant to Title 1, Section 313(a)(3), of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

The board exited executive session at 9:14 pm, with no decision made.

The consensus of the board is to provide the treasurer instructions on how to resolve a payroll issue.

Item 9: New Business

The board discussed the upcoming town meeting.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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