

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
January 3, 2017

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Ed Cleveland
Sarah Ludlam

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Nancy Morlino
Elizabeth Gibson
Frank Nelson
James Glick
Timothy Makepeace
Paul Woodruff Jr.
Tammy Holcomb
Jenny Maynes
Kaitlyn Paddock
Barbara Noyes Pulling
Mark Frost

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 20, 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: Mr. Beecher asked that the hearing be postponed until the board talks with Selectboard Members from the Town of Wells. No one in the audience objected. The selectboard members of both towns negotiated regarding the sander that the Town of Pawlet borrowed from the Town of Wells. Mr. Weeden made a motion that if the Town of Wells will not lower its price, the Town of Pawlet will return the sander. Mr. Makepeace asked that a member visit the Town Of Wells' Selectboard meeting on Tuesday January 10th, 2017, wherein the Town of Wells will propose another price structure.

Item 5: Public Hearing on Pawlet's Unified ByLaws

- Ms. Ludlam detailed specific changes to the bylaws that would make the language more clear and/or edit typos.
- There was a formatting change on page 45.
- In Article 7, Section 6, Ms. Ludlam feels that the new language cedes local control. She recommends removing subsection A, and returning the language to the original.
- In general, Ms. Ludlam feels that the bylaws are more restrictive than they should be and could be detrimental to the survivability of Pawlet's Village Centers. When asked, Mr. Mach stated that the bylaws should not deter maintenance and repair of homes and structures in the river corridors, but should deter new structures. Mr. Mach said that the long-term survivability relies on the future village development and growth in area with higher elevation, such as the area behind the church and masonic lodge.
- Mr. Glick also asked that subsection B of Article 7, Section 6 be removed. The Senior Planner from Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Ms. Pulling, when consulted, thought it would be possible to remove both subsections.
- Mr. Glick also asked about the definition of "Flood Proofing". The answer was found in the "Definitions" Section.
- Throughout the documents, the "Hazard Areas" should be changed to "Regulated Flood Hazard Area".

Ms. Ludlam made the motion to adopt the Unified Bylaws with the edits aforementioned, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried, voted and approved.

Mr. Mach asked that the selectboard adopt a resolution to keep Pawlet designated as a 10 Acre town, and to send a copy to Agency of Commerce and Community Development and to the Act 250 board. This would allow Pawlet's Development Review Board to make decisions on properties 10 acres or less. Mr. Jones made a motion to designate Pawlet as a 10-Acre town, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried voted and approved.

Item 6: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Item 7: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report-
 - a. The Energy Group would like to invite solar contractors to visit the selectboard. The first one will visit January 17th, 2017 by Power Guru and should be a 15

minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting and will detail a design for solar installation at the former Pawlet Landfill.

- b. The Energy Group would like to use the Town Hall Auditorium on April 22nd to present energy related topics to citizens. By consensus of the board is to encourage this type of use.
2. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. The Red Mack will be paid off in June 2017 and if we start now we could have a truck by next winter, as it will take 4-6 months to build and outfit truck for winter maintenance. The board asked Mr. Mason to begin to start specifying a truck. The truck should be very similar to the Red Mack.
 - b. Mr. Mason updated the board on maintenance and repair issues on the trucks.
 - c. The board set a time for a few members to visit the residents on Cemetery Hill.
 3. Zoning Administrator's Report.
 - a. The consensus of the board was to approved funds for Mr. Mach to attend a conference in the spring.
 4. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's' Memo
 - b. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to approve the lease of the color copier per quotation, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried voted and approved.
 - c. Ms. Ludlam will address the town hall auditorium question.
 5. 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.
 - c. Ms. Ludlam made the motion to adopt the budget for the FY2018, \$399,455 for the General Fund, \$452,043 for the Highway Fund, \$66,900 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Fund, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved
 6. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo
 - b. The selectboard asked that the Town Lister's be invited to the next selectboard meeting to discuss an assessor.
 - c. Mr. Cleveland made a motion to add "Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$100.00 for the support of the Vermont Preservation Trust, a 501 (c) (3) organization?" to the articles for Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried voted and approved.

7. WWTF

- a. No updates.

Item 7: Old Business

No old business.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Ms. Ludlam 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.