

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard  
Pawlet Town Hall  
January 5th, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
Sarah Ludlam  
Bob Jones  
Charles Weeden  
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

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

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

**Item 1:** Review Past Meeting Minutes of the December 22nd, 2015 meeting of the Select Board. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes as edited, seconded by Mr. Weeden motion carried, voted and approved.

**Item 2:** Zoning Administrator's Report

Added language that indicated that Fire Dept is in the floodplain. The Planning Commission approved the Town Plan. Mr. Mach will make arrangements to get copies of the draft plan to the Selectboard in time to review it in preparation for the Public Hearing on the Town Plan to be held February 2nd, 2016 at the Pawlet Town Hall.

The Planning Commission began work on the unified by-laws. One issue that will need to be addressed is the language regarding flood resiliency. The Unified By-laws will need to be approved at a Public Hearing of the Selectboard.

Mr. Mach submitted bill to Mr. Parisi for Mr. Mach's time regarding a zoning permit. The Selectboard asked Mr. Mach discussed several zoning permit concerns.

Mr. Mach, Mr. Mason, and the Selectboard discussed stormwater drainage concerns throughout Pawlet Village.

**Item 3:** Nancy Morlino, Pawlet Energy Group

PACE program, Mark Kelly says the outstanding issue, regulation Z, will not be resolved, and we would need to approve the PACE program as is. Mark Kelly states that there are thousands of towns across the nation that have approved the program and have not had an issue with regulation Z. Ms. Ludlam will connect with John Thrasher, the town's attorney, regarding his

opinion on regulation Z. The Selectboard is aware that they are obligated to make progress regarding the PACE program.

The Energy Group requests funds of \$80.00 in order to send two members of the Energy Group to the Vermont Council on Rural Development annual meeting. The members will cover their own travel expenses. After discussing the meeting and the importance of the meeting, Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve \$80.00 for the registration fee for the Energy Group to attend the Vermont Council on Rural Development, Mr. Jones seconded, voted and approved.

Regarding the heating the town hall. The Selectboard is working on the heating system for the auditorium. Mr. Cleveland contacted M&M Heating. Mr. Hughes-Muse has contacted Third Generation Plumbing and Heating. Additionally, Mr. Cleveland found that there are gaps in the basement that allow cold air to blow in. Mr. Cleveland will work to fill gaps.

Regarding a Solar Project on the town landfill, Mr. Holtzman of Clean Energy Design Group contacted Ms. Morlino about the Selectboard's decision not to sign the Letter of Intent from the Clean Energy Design Group. The Selectboard directed the Energy Group pursue a solar project in the fields adjacent to West Pawlet village.

**Item 4: Road Foreman's Report**

- Dodge Truck is out because of an unknown problem of an electrical origin.
- The Road Crew will start working with the Town of Wells in the labor and equipment sharing arrangement detailed in a previous meeting.
- Mr. Weeden is concerned about thieves being able to access the Town Garage. Mr. Mason will address security issues.
- The Board and Mr. Mason discussed road work priorities of the 2016 work season. North Pawlet Culvert and the Stedman Culvert will be completed in 2016. The board discussed some of the lower priority culvert replacements with regards on what projects are necessary and how to approach the projects and agreed to discuss the Buckley Culvert and Ross Culvert at the January 19th Selectboard meeting.
- The Board approved an official response to Don Dicharia.

**Item 5: Town Treasurer's Memo**

Reviewed Town Treasurer's Memo.

Mr. Weeden made motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

**Item 6: Town Clerk's Report**

Reviewed Town Clerk's Memo

Reviewed Town Health Officer's Memo

Reviewed Town Safety Officer's Memo

**Item 7: Selectboard Assistant's Report**

Reviewed Selectboard Assistant's Report.

The Selectboard approved the Road Crew to start the new time recording sheet, which will be compiled in a database.

Mr. Hughes-Muse will prepare the Selectboards' Report for the Town Report.

**Item 8: Pawlet Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)**

The WWTF was cited by the DEC because of water quality violations that were a direct result of the broken RBC bearing. The citation requires a response and Green Mountain Engineering sent a letter to the DEC on behalf of the town explaining how the repairs to the WWTF are underway.

Tornyos Operations contract is up for renewal. Ms. Ludlam made the motion for the town to renew the contract with Tornyos Operations to operate the WWTF, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried, voted and approved.

**Item 9: New Business**

Request for Public records has been sent to Clerk for 2015 gravel purchases. The town has complied with the request.

VT Department of Taxes has informed the Town that the equalized education property value and coefficient of dispersion have been determined. Respectively these values are \$171,407,000 and 17.07%.

VT Land Trust has informed the town that the VLT will be closing on an option to purchase at agricultural value for a property on South Street in Wells.

Mr. Jones said that Dave Hosley is coordinating a CPR/AED training course at the West Pawlet Fire Hall and would like to know if there are people who need the CPR/AED training. Mr. Jones suggests that there might a need for training among the Town's elected officials and employees.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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