

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard  
Pawlet Town Hall  
July 19, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
Sarah Ludlam  
Chuck Weeden  
Ed Cleveland  
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse  
Keith Mason  
Eric Mach  
Zach Fuller  
Tom Fuller  
Mike Mullin  
Elizabeth Gibson  
Eric Mach  
Steve Williams  
John Davis

**Item 1:** Meeting Called to order at 7:03 pm by Mr. Beecher.

**Item 2:** Introduction of those present.

**Item 3:** Review minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

Review Minutes of the July 6, 2016 special meeting at Wastewater Treatment Facility. Ms. Ludlam made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

**Item 4:** John Davis addressed the board regarding the Veteran's Memorial at Butternut Bend

Mr. Davis provided background on the Veteran's Memorial at Butternut Bend. Mr. Davis and his wife has been maintaining the property for many years. Mr. Davis contacted the other member of the Veteran's Committee, Charlie Leach. The Monument is currently housed in Alan Calfee's barn in Rupert. Mr. Davis would like to see it at the flag pole on the old Stonebroke Farm. Another option would be for the monument to be located at the junction of Rt 153 and Rt 30.

Mr. Cleveland suggested the town green as a good location and Mr. Davis agreed. Mr. Cleveland made the motion to move the monument to the village green in Pawlet, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.

**Item 5:** Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors (this item was taken out of order)

Ms. Gibson reported on her visit to the retreat hosted by Vermont Preservation Trust. She was able to identify sources of funding for restoration of the ceiling.

Steve Williams representing the Historical society. The Pawlett Historical Society will hold a Grand opening event at the Chriss Monroe Chapel on Cemetery Hill on July 31, 2016 at 3:00 pm. Secondly, the historical society would like to install an informational sign at the Town Hall. The grant that would pay for the sign requires the town to accept responsibility for the installation and maintenance of the sign.

**Item 6: Announcements**

**Item 7: Reports**

1. Energy Group Report- No report
2. Road Foreman's Report-
  - a. Paving Bids- Ms. Ludlam reviewed the specifications of the bids. Mr. Weeden read the paving bids aloud.
    - i. Wilk Paving Inc.- \$61.75/ ton – estimated tonnage 1600 tons - price \$98,800
    - ii. Pike Industries- 56.90/ton - estimated tonnage: 1655- total Price \$94,169.50
    - iii. Fuller Sand and Gravel- \$56.00/ ton- estimated tonnage: 1631 tons- total price \$91,336.00
    - iv. Peckham Industries- \$67.50/ ton – estimated tonnage:1761 tons - \$67.50 118,867.50

The board decided to review the bids and make a decision at the next meeting. The board discussed the language of the bid request.

- b. Tadmer Rd Culvert replacement has been delayed because there has been a delay in the production of the culvert. Mr. Mason discussed some issues surrounding the installation of the culvert.
  - i. The Selectboard discussed the possibility of canceling or postponing this project
  - ii. Mr. Cleveland made the motion to postpone the Tadmer Rd project until next year. Seconded by Mr. Weeden, motioned carried and voted. Motioned failed to pass.
- c. The board discussed the excavator rental.
- d. The board discussed draft letters to Pawlett residents regarding culvert work.
- e. The board discussed the progress on Waite Hill Rd and Cemetery Hill Rd. Ms. Ludlam presented a letter to Waite Hill Rd residents. The board discussed options for hastening the progress on Waite Hill Rd. Mr. Cleveland made a motion to authorize one day of overtime, re-evaluate and then approve another

day of overtime, if needed, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.

- f. The Board reviewed the Stream Walk hosted by PMNRCD and the state. The state would like to leave woody debris in the river. If there are concerns with trees close to bridges, permits can be issued to remove them from the river. Bridges are shallower than they should be and it is possible for the town to petition VTTrans to dredge the river underneath the bridge.
  - g. The board discussed the dodge dump truck.
  - h. The board discussed the application of calcium chloride and the condition of the application trailer.
3. Zoning Administrator's Report (this item was taken out of order)
    - a. Nothing to report.
  4. *Town Clerk's Memo*
    - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
  5. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
    - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
    - b. Mr. Weeden made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
  6. Emergency Management Director's Memo
    - a. Reviewed Emergency Management Director's Memo
  7. Health Officer's Memo
    - a. Reviewed Health Officer's Memo
  8. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
    - a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
  9. WWTF
    - a. The board reviewed the letter from Green Mountain Engineering and Paul Olander's Response.

**Item 8: Old Business**

Reviewed the list of Properties up for tax sale on July 20, 2016 at 12:30 pm. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to appoint Mr. Cleveland as an agent for the Selectboard at the Property Tax Sale, seconded by Mr. Weeden, voted and approved.

**Item 9: New Business**

Mr. Cleveland spoke with another contractor about the roof work on the library. The contractor suggests that we cover the entire roof on the backside of the library in standing seam, rather than constructing a porch.

Serving as his role of Large Animal Pound Keeper, Mr. Jones was contacted about animal welfare situation in Pawlet. Mr. Jones investigated on two different days and found that there was adequate food and water for the animals, and therefore, no further action was taken by Mr. Jones.

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

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