

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
June 7, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Dave Ricard
Sue LaPorte
Elizabeth Gibson
Steve Williams

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:05 pm by Sarah Ludlam.

Item 2: Review minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 3: Town Hall Restoration Report by Elizabeth Gibson

1. Ms. Gibson is still planning on attending the Preservation Trust Retreat at the end of this month.
2. Still planning on submitting grant application in October.
3. Ms. Gibson discussed ways of promoting the use of the auditorium.
4. The board discussed the need for AC and fans in the auditorium for warm days.

Item 4: Announcements

Korrine Rodrigue, a candidate for Rutland County Senate, will be attending the July 5th regular meeting of the Select Board.

Item 5: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Sue LaPorte and Steve Williams are representing the Dorset Nursing Association. Every year they have to get 50 signatures in order to get a ballot initiative for annual funding. Ms. LaPorte asks if this could be waived for certain organizations that have successfully balloted for five consecutive years. The board discussed the issues regarding this request. The board decided to research the issue and discuss the issue further at a later meeting.

Item 6: Reports

1. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. The board reviewed the notes of the meeting between the Road Foreman and Todd Eaton of the Better Roads program. The board will discuss the plan to

address speeding, dust control, water quality, and poor drainage along Rupert Mountain Rd at a later date.

- b. The road crew cleaned and re-dug the ditch along Cemetery Hill Rd. It required the use of Rob Witt's rock-breaker, which Mr. Weeden and Ms. Ludlam approved.
 - c. The Road crew has hauled over 300 ton of crush gravel from Peckham in the last two weeks. 12 gallons of fuel per load.
 - d. Next three weeks, the town of Rupert and Pawlet crews will work together.
 - e. The consensus of the board is to have Mr. Mason to install a berm at the edge of the pit at the slag pile, for safety purposes.
 - f. The board discussed the paving bid process in order to prepare for Rte 153 Paving and River Rd shim work.
 - g. The board reviewed and discussed the option for a second mowing along the blacktop town roads in the fall. Mr. Jones made the motion to approve \$2,000 to hire Dave Hosley to perform a second mowing on the blacktop town roads, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - h. Mr. Weeden found a used hydraulic Alamo extended cut 5' Mower for \$8,900. A 100 hp tractor rental is \$2000/ month. The board decided to discuss solutions to mowing at a future meeting.
 - i. Regarding town road work, the board will work to notify the public ahead of time.
2. *Zoning Administrator's Report*
 - a. Mr. Mach presented the benefits of the Village Center Designation.
 - b. Mr. Mach discussed the condition of West Pawlet Village and what the planning commission can do to improve the quality of infrastructure there.
 - c. Mr. Mach also discussed the infrastructure improvements to Pawlet Village, including moving a guardrail to add a sidewalk along Rt 133.
 - d. Ms. Ludlam brought up that the Byway Bikeway Report would support this work.
 - e. Mr. Jones asked if the residents of Briar Hill would be affected by a change to Industrial Zoning. Mr. Mach does not think that Briar Hill is a part of that.
 3. *Town Constable's Report*
 - a. They have been patrolling town roads pretty heavy and during times of heavy travel.
 4. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
 - b. *Mr. Jones signed excess weight permits.*
 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. Jones, motion carried, voted and approved.
6. Emergency Management Director's Memo
 - a. Reviewed Emergency Management Director's Report
7. Health Officer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed Health Officer's Report
8. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
9. WWTF
 - a. There are significant noncompliance issues with regards to E.coli effluent. The board, Jeff Tornyos, and representatives from the state will meet in early July to discuss possible solutions to the problems.

Item 8: Old Business

1. The board discussed the Stone Valley Byway Report.
2. Mr. Cleveland made the motion to approve the pre-buy contract price from Blue Flame Gas, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.
3. The board reviewed the bid for painting the rear exterior of the Town Hall. Several painting contractors have been contacted to provide estimates and bids for the town hall with minimal interest. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to accept the Luxbrush Painting quote for town hall, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 9: New Business

Mr. Weeden made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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