

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
June 21, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
John Malcom
Sue LaPorte
Dolores Luebke
Jay Luebke
Hillary Solomon
Kevin O'Toole
Nancy Morlino

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:02 pm by Mike Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Dolores Luebke read a statement regarding concerns she and Mr. Luebke regarding the plan for Rutland to host refugees. Ms. Luebke stated that due to people intimidating her, she has withdrawn the petition. The statement is attached to the minutes.

Item 5: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

1. Kevin O'Toole, an attorney for the Delinquent Tax Collector, Kim Ayers. Mr. O'Toole discussed the issues regarding Property Tax sales with the Selectboard. There are 10 properties going up for sale. Mr. O'Toole strongly urged the board to make bid during the tax sale on July 20th, 2016.
2. John Malcom visited the Selectboard to discuss what the planned road work is Rupert Mountain Rd. Ms. Ludlam explained the scope of the work that we expect to perform. Mr. Malcom made note that dust is a considerable problem and also the slime after a rainstorm. Ms. Ludlam made note that the town has discussed the road material and its contribution to dust. The town has purchased better stone for the use on roads.
3. Hilary Solomon, of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD), visited the Selectboard to invite them on a streamwalk on the Flower Brook on July 18, 19, or 20th. Ms. Solomon will be hosting a driveway

workshop in Danby toward the end of July. The driveways in Danby have a negative effect on flood resiliency in Pawlet. The PMNRCD will also host a hike and party celebrating Vermont Strong and the 5-year anniversary of Hurricane Irene.

Item 6: Announcements

1. Korrine Rodrigue, a candidate for Rutland County Senate, will be attending the July 5th regular meeting of the Select Board.
2. The town of Pawlet has been awarded three grants from the Agency of Transportation. One of these grants is a Capital Budget Planning Project that will inventory road surfaces throughout the town.

Item 7: Reports

1. Energy Group Report-
 - a. Clean Energy Design Group has submitted an option to Lease Agreement. The board discussed how they want to proceed with a solar array at the Landfill Site. The Selectboard agreed to visit the site by the next meeting.
2. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. Salt Contracts are in. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to buy salt at the discount rate from Cargill, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried voted and approved.
 - b. Roadside mowing has begun.
 - c. The town is renting equipment from Nortrax and the board asked about the logistics of moving it around town. Mr. Mason will follow up on the issue.
 - d. The board discussed the safety issues at the Slag Pile. Mr. Mason discussed some of the issues and ideas that the MSHA inspector discussed with him.
 - e. The board discussed the options for purchasing a mower to do roadside mowing and the equipment budget. Mr. Jones stated that there is much more to mowing than the cost, mainly the associated risk with roadside mowing. The consensus of the board is to not purchase of the mower.
3. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
 - b. *Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the grand list extension for the Listers, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.*
4. *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.*
5. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*

- a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
6. WWTF
- a. No updates

Item 8: Old Business

1. The board discussed the Stone Valley Byway Report. Ms. Ludlam reported on the local impacts of the Stone Valley Byway and Bikeway Scoping Study Final Report. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to approve the Byway report and that the board supports the efforts in Pawlet, and made mention of the efforts that the town has taken to address some of the concerns identified, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.
2. The Consensus of the board is to approve the following policy in regards to ballot petitions. Groups requesting funds from the town of Pawlet and who have successfully petitioned for three consecutive years without a change in the requested amount, the Board will put them on the ballot without petitions. If they increase or decrease their requested amount, the three years start over. Those organizations that have followed these parameters for petitions from 2014 to 2016 will be put on the ballot in 2017.

Item 9: New Business

The consensus of the board is to put the Paving Contracts out to bids.

The consensus of the board is to extend the mowing of the lawn to the building edge.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 pm, Mr. Jones seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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