

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
March 15, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Bob Jones
Charles Weeden
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Kim Ayers
Keith Mason
Nancy Morlino

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm and the board observed a moment of silence in honor of Clarence Decker, who served the Town of Pawlet for many years and who passed away earlier this week.

Item 2: Introduction of those present

Item 3: Review Minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Cleveland motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors- none present

Item 5: Town of Pawlet Delinquent Tax Collector, Kim Ayers

Ms. Ayers presented the list of delinquent taxes to the board and discussed which properties will be sent up for tax sale. Total delinquent property taxes are at \$304,674. Delinquent Wastewater Taxes are \$31,677.

Ms. Ayers made the suggestion that the town adopt a policy that states that after three years, delinquent properties are put up for tax sale. The board will research the issue and consider adopting a policy at a future meeting.

Item 6: Announcements

No Announcements this week.

Item 7: Reports

1. *Road Foreman's Report*

- a. Mr. Mason, Mr. Dale Decker, and Mr. Cliff Tarbell attended their annual flagger training last week and began cutting brush
- b. The PMNCD has requested that the ditch project on 153 and Warren Switch be altered to incorporate settling ponds.
- c. The road crew will begin grading roads when the roads begin to dry out.
- d. Planning on starting one of the culvert projects, as soon as the town is permitted to work in the river by ANR. Likely to start in June on North Pawlet Rd Culvert replacement project.

- e. The Tadmer culvert will be scheduled later in the summer work season, to accommodate crop planting and hay harvest.
 - f. Project with Rupert, Mr. Mason will coordinate. Likely to work on Warren Switch and Waite Hill.
 - g. Mr. Beecher would like to Mr. Mason to consider the work on Rupert Hill Rd. Mr. Mason will schedule a meeting with the state officials to begin that process.
 - h. Mr. Beecher asked about work on Kelley Hill Rd. Mr. Mason stated that it could be possible to work on this summer, but unlikely.
 - i. Mr. Mason and Ms. Ludlam discussed applying for grants to shim and pave Rt 153 between Rt30 and River Rd and then patch shim River Rd. Also discussed structures grants possibilities.
 - j. Mr. Weeden asked about the repair bill for the 08 IH (one of the town's tandem axle dump trucks), which was a little more than \$3,500.
 - k. The board discussed human resources issues with Mr. Mason.
2. Nancy Morlino, Representing the Energy Group and Town Hall Report.
- a. Cultural Facilities Grant- will not be eligible for the ceiling, but insulated curtains could be covered by this grant.
 - b. Preservation Trust provides a grant to assess our progress on the historic preservation work. After some discussion, the board did not feel that this was necessary.
 - c. Ms. Morlino discussed the cleaning of the elevator rooms with the board, specifically the elevator door track.
 - d. Ms. Morlino and Ms. Gibson attended Climate Economy Summit last month. Most of the discussion revolved around solar installation issues and possible carbon tax laws.
3. *Zoning Administrator's Report*
- a. The board received a letter regarding Gilbert Property from John Thrasher, the town's attorney.
 - b. Village Center Designation for Pawlet and West Pawlet Villages
 - i. The Selectboard made a proclamation supporting the Designation of Pawlet and West Pawlet Villages.
4. *Town Clerk's Memo*
- a. Reviewed Town Clerk's Memo
 - i. The board approved Ms. Hawkins to secure the Wi-Fi network, by applying a password and providing guest network for visitors.
 - b. Signed 4 excess weight permits

- c. Signature on 2 liquor licenses. Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the liquor licenses for The Barn Restaurant as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - d. The reappointment of Dale Decker as Forest Fire Warden was approved by the consensus of the board. Mr. Beecher signed the paperwork to that effect.
5. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
- a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Mr. Weeden made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried and approved.
 - c. Historical Society is scheduled to use the auditorium on May 26, 2016.
 - d. Regarding delinquent payment on advertisement fees on conditional use permit for John Edwards. The Board suggests that she send the invoice to the Zoning Administrator so that he can pursue payment recovery.
 - e. The board further discussed human resources issues that were indicated in the Town Treasurer's Memo to the Selectboard.
6. Health Officer/ Emergency Management Director's Memo
- a. Emergency Management Director's Memo
 - i. Mr. Beecher signed grant agreement for HMGP for the generator at Mettawee Community School.
7. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
- a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
 - b. The board chair signed the Category A Grant Application to Vermont Better Roads.
8. *WWTF*
- a. Reviewed Monthly Activities for February 2016

Item 8: Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

Item 9: New Business

No New Business was discussed.

Mr. Weeden made a motion to adjourn at 9:22 pm, Ms. Ludlam seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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