

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
October 25, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Tom Leypoldt- PEG TV
Missi Delehanty- PEGTV
Tammie Reilly – GNAT
Mellissa Pierce- Comcast
Stephen Williams
Timothy Bryant
Nancy Bryant
John Thrasher
Eric Mach
Charlie Mason

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

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: PegTV/ Comcast- Ms. Pierce presented information about Comcast's roles in providing access to public television. The cable company collects funds for public access television. Tom Leypoldt discussed the services that PegTV provides. PEGTV has covered Mettowiee Mania, watercolor classes, the 250th anniversary parade, Girls on the Run events, and several other events in Pawlet. There are three channels 1) Public 2) Educational 3) Governmental . PegTV discussed that there could be cooperation with GNAT so that there Pawlet citizens that want to make a show can submit it to GNAT in Manchester. Ms. Reilly also explained how the resources at GNAT are available to Pawlet residents. Ms. Ludlam asked if this would increase rates. Ms. Pierce stated that her bill for public television is \$2.30 a month. Ms. Delehanty described the large variety of shows that are produced at the Rutland studio. Mr. Leypoldt stated that there are 170 Comcast subscribers in Pawlet.

The consensus of the board is to support PEGTV's desire to become Pawlet's designated public access station. The final decision for this change will be made by Comcast.

Item 7: Reports

1. Town Lister's Report- Mr. Charles Mason reported on the 2016 Reappraisal.
 - a. Mr. Weeden asked about why we need to keep the consultant on, if the reappraisal is complete. Mr. Mason stated that he was hired to update the GIS database.
 - b. The Listers are working on several issues such as the whether or not the cell tower on Briar Hill is taxable. The board and Mr. Mason discussed the issue.
 - c. The Listers are addressing errors and omissions.
 - d. The listers are updating their file system.
 - e. The listers are leaning in the direction of keeping the consultant on to work one day a month to assist them in maintaining the records.
2. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. The board discussed the shoulder work. Mr. Weeden made a motion to approve \$1000 for the equipment to lay the shoulder on Rte 153, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried voted and approved with Mr. Cleveland voting in opposition.
 - b. Mr. Mason discussed throwing up a portion of Higo Road. The board discussed the issue.
 - c. Broke leaf spring on the Red Mack and need a new set on both sides.
 - d. Mr. Beecher asked if we had an agreement with George Thomas. Mr. Weeden made a motion to only allow contractors from the town of Pawlet. Ms. Ludlam wanted the minutes to reiterate the policy regarding the use of the Slag Pile.
3. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - a. The Planning commission is ready to go to a public hearing on the unified zoning bylaws and zoning districts. The hearing is scheduled for the 28th of November at 7:30 pm at the Conference Room in the Pawlet Town Hall.
 - b. Ms. Ludlam asked that the proposed bylaws be posted to the town website.
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. Jones made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.
6. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-
 - a. Reviewed the Administrative Assistant's Memo
7. WWTF - Mr. Tornyos is evaluating the new growth on the RBCs and there have been no new violations since Mr. Oleander has begun consulting with Mr. Tornyos.

Item 7: Old Business

The board requested that the link to personal websites be removed from the town website.

The board discussed the homeowner's garden on Cemetery Hill Rd.

Item 8: New Business

Steve Williams discussed the use of chapel cemetery in winter. Mr. Williams requests that the town crew keep access open all winter to the Chapel on Cemetery Hill. After a discussion, Mr. Beecher stated that because the town does not plow for fire departments, schools, and churches, we cannot plow the cemetery.

John Thrasher to discuss the release of School Glebe Lands on the Bryant Farm. The Bryants are negotiating a conservation easement with VLT. They are required to remove the antiquated glebe lands. Mr. Thrasher asks that the Town of Pawlet relinquish the rights to these lands. Complicating the issue that no one knows where the 60 acres of school lands are. Mr. Weeden made a motion to release the school lands on the Bryant Farm, authorizing the Bryants to post a legal notice to comply with state statutes regarding towns conveying an interest in town lands, and if no objection is filed within 30 days, Mr. Beecher is authorized to sign a quitclaim deed over to the Bryants, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, motion carried, voted and approved.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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

Memo

To: Contractors within the Town of Pawlet

From: Pawlet Select Board

Re: Conditional Use and Guidelines for the Town of Pawlet's Slag Pile

The slag pile is located on the south side of VT Route 153 across from the town shed in West Pawlet. The intention of the Pawlet Select Board is to manage the location in a way that improves the adjacent road condition and to provide a benefit to residents and contractors who live in Pawlet. Therefore, we ask you to follow these guidelines when loading or removing material from the location:

- Slag is not to be sold to residents, rather you can bill them for time loading and hauling.
- Slag is only to be used in Pawlet, not hauled to other towns, unless approved by the Pawlet Select Board.
- There is limit of 500 yards of fill/ per job site, without the prior approval of the Select Board.
- In order to work in the quarry, contractors must:
 1. A certificate of insurance on file with the Town Clerk, with coverage of at least \$1,000,000
 2. Contact Keith Mason, Road Crew Foreman, or Bob Jones, Member of the Pawlet Select Board, so that they can coordinate work and identify areas of need.
 3. Record the amount of material that is removed. The fee for use is \$1 of in-kind service/ yard
- When working in the quarry, please be aware of the following safety concerns:

1. Do not undermine the pile
2. Do not leave an overhang
3. Replace road blocks when you leave
4. Leave the site better than you found it and leave it "safe"