

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
September 13, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
John Davis
Jim Dunn
Anne Marie Maiello
Elizabeth Gibson
Eric Mach

Others in Attendance:

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:01 pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the August 30, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Mr. Weeden 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

John Davis came to check in on the progress of the Veterans Memorial that will be placed on the Town Green in Pawlet Village. Mr. Beecher and Mr. Davis discussed the details of what needs to happen and Mr. Beecher stated that he and Gary Baierlein will prepare the site in the next 4-6 weeks. The plan will be to have it in place by Veteran's Day.

Anne Marie Maiello and Jim Dunn came to discuss the town's request for them to remove stones and garden along their house on Cemetery Hill Rd. Mr. Mason provided specific details of the concern. Mr. Mason stated the biggest concern is the encroachment into the travelled portion of the road which creates problems for winter maintenance. Ms. Maiello stated that she would swear under oath that she did not add stones to the travelled portion of the road and that in fact she has moved the edge closer to the house.

Mr. Mason stated that the center of the road should be centered between the buildings.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he believes that garden has narrowed the road. Mr. Jones stated that the town should not consider the request to leave the stones in place because it leaves the town open to liability concerns. Mr. Weeden suggested that Mr. Dunn and Ms. Maiello could bring narrow their garden by about half. Ms. Maiello suggested that she can remove the corner stones so as not to impede progress on the road.

Mr. Beecher stated that in order to move forward the meeting, that a temporary agreement to be implemented where the residents remove the stones, and the board will follow up with a meeting on- site that will come to terms with a long-term solution.

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- Ms. Gibson and Ms. Morlino visited the landfill with Mr. Bhima from Power Gurus and are hopeful that this project will develop into a project.
2. Town Hall Restoration Committee
3. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. Road crew has completed the North Pawlet Rd culvert replacement.
 - b. Paving could start as early as next week.
 - c. The red Mack truck is in the shop for rust repairs. Mr. Mason will implement a washing regime for the truck and adaptations that will prevent rust from starting.
 - d. Work on the calcium trailer has not progressed. For the time being, the crew will spread with half-loads.
 - e. Mr. Weeden suggested that the red Mack be parked in another location.
 - f. The crew will continue to work on grading over the next few weeks.
4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Mr. Mach reported on the progress of the Pawlet Planning Commission.
5. Town Clerk's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo
 - b. The selectboard decided to keep its regular meeting scheduled Tuesday November 8th.
6. Emergency Management Director's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Director's Memo
7. Health Officer's Memo
 - a. Reviewed the Health Officer's Memo.
8. 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, voted and approved.
9. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo-*
 - a. *Mr. Beecher read a letter from David Russell.*
10. WWTF -

Mr. Beecher updated the board on Paul Olander's progress report and his conversations with Green Mountain Engineering.

Item 7: Old Business

Mr. Beecher shared a conversation about the rocks along Button Falls Rd. The landowner was obliging but had concerns about missing signs and asked for follow-up on this issue.

Ms. Gibson discussed the restoration of the auditorium ceiling. Grant application is due October 3rd, 2016 and Ms. Gibson would like the board and restoration committee to be in agreement before the deadline. Ms. Gibson provided an estimate of the ceiling restoration of \$26,000, half of that would be possible from a 1:1 grant from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. Ms. Gibson is committed to raising a portion of the match from private donations and asks that funds from the maintenance fund be applied for part of the match also. The board discussed the possibility of granting these funds. Ms. Ludlam made a motion to approve Ms. Gibson to apply for grant funding for the Auditorium ceiling, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 pm, Mr. Cleveland seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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