

Draft Minutes for Town of Pawlet Select Board
Pawlet Town Hall
September 1, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Sarah Ludlam
Bob Jones
Charles Weeden
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Keith Mason
Timothy Hughes-Muse
Ken Knipes
Linda Knipes
Nancy Morlino
Joni Lee Eckoff
Eric Street

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Item 1: Review Past Meeting Minutes: August 4, 2015 Meeting's Minutes- Sarah made edits to last weeks meeting. Chuck made motion to accept the minutes with the edits, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 2: Expanding Solar Field near Blossom's Corner

Eric Street notified the board that he is opposed to the expansion of the photovoltaic array, or solar field, near Blossom's Corner. Mr. Street provided evidence to the board showing that there were no plans to expand the site when it was proposed. It is Mr. Street's position that the conditions of the original installation have not been met and therefore an expansion is not suitable. Mr. Street is looking for advice for how prevent the solar field from expanding. Ken Knipes and Linda Knipes are in support of Mr. Street. The Board recommends that Mr. Street contact the Public Service Board and ask to be involved in the case. Tim will contact VLCT about ways the town and/or property owners can address the problem. Upon their recommendation, the Board may prepare a letter to the array's owner. In the meantime, the Board suggests Mr. Street contact the PSB and note his concern with the situation and request to be made a party to all future actions.

Item 3: Energy Group, Nancy Morlino

Ms. Morlino acquired an additional quote from Keyes Plumbing and Heating to install 2 heat pumps in the auditorium in the Town Hall. One obstacle might be that the units need to be mounted to the wall. The energy group would need to contact the Historic Preservation Trust regarding the installation.

This quote is not comparable to the GSK quote because they used different equipment design.

Ms. Morlino proposed that we just install heat, and if air conditioning is needed that we install window units. Mike thinks that wall-mounted radiant heat would be cost effective.

The Board requests that Ms. Morlino look for more solutions or designs. All concur that it is important to keep making progress in making the Town Auditorium available for use year-round.

The Energy Group is considering a solar project at the school, but the roof is not in as good condition as it needs to be.

Item 4: Joni Lee Eckhart is starting a cooperative based school in the basement of the library. Ms. Eckhart is asking for the safety and building management records regarding the fire, asbestos, and lead.

The board referred Ms. Eckhart to the Pawlet Health Officer to acquire documents.

Ms. Eckhart asked permission for the Cooperative School to order it's own inspections.

Regarding the school in the library, Tim will contact VLCT to get insurance information and recent inspection reports, and will inquire with the League whether there is any issue with allowing additional third party inspections. The school group would be fully insured and is hoping to have things in place by October 1st.

Item 5: Road Foreman's Report

- In West Pawlet, the New Street drainage project is hard going because of the bedrock.
- Clifford is out with dislocated shoulder, and need to file a claim because the injury was work related.
- Herrick Brook Road turn around is complete.
- Keith proposes that the board is flexible on the tonnage of asphalt that will be used to pave North Pawlet Rd so that the quality of the shim coat is optimized. This will extended life of the road. Approved by discussion.
- Sarah makes motion to contract Fuller Sand and Gravel to spot shim Route 153 from Rt 30 to River Rd at \$80/ton, pending grant reimbursement, seconded by Bob, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 6: Pawlet Planning Commission

- Mike has received concerns from town citizens who are concerned with upcoming town plan. The board discussed the planning commission's progress in writing the town plan. The Select Board plans to thoroughly review the town plan before the public hearing and passage of the plan.
- The board received the resignation of Fred Stone from the Pawlet Planning Commission. Chuck made a motion to accept the resignation and the Board expresses gratitude for the many years of excellent service, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.
- The board is accepting applications to fill vacancy on the Pawlet Planning Commission.

Item 7: Reviewed Town Clerk's Memo

Reviewed the Health Officer's Memo

Reviewed the Emergency Management Director's Memo

Item 8: Review Town Treasurer's Memo: Sarah made motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Chuck, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 9: Concerns regarding zoning permit fees- Eric requests the fee be reduced. Pawlet's fees are based on comparable zoning fees from area towns. The board declines to reconsider the issue of permitting fees because there was considerable thought used to determine the existing fee schedule.

Item 9: Concert in Town Hall was cancelled. Because there was no financial burden to the town, the Board agrees to refund the rental fee.

Sarah Made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 pm, Ed seconded, motion carried, voted and approved. Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hughes-Muse, Select Board Administrative Assistant.