



MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

January 24, 2012

7:02PM Meeting called to order by chair Mike Beecher

Present: Mike Beecher, Clarence Decker, Joe Clark, Sue LaPorte, Bob Jones

Audience Present: Keith Mason, Deb Hawkins, Elizabeth Gibson

The minutes of January 10, 2012 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Bob, to accept the minutes as written. So voted.*

Audience:

Deb Hawkins, town clerk, re: Philip Picotte. Yes, the board has received the packet.

Regarding the warning: The board has the right to deny appropriations requests.

- Article 4 is \$25,000.
- Article 25 is \$10,000.
- The WWTP appropriation is included.
- The library has put in an appropriation for snow guards: Article 6
- Deb asked the board to check the figures for the general fund and highway – the board verified and approved both figures.

Keith Mason, road foreman, presented the board with specific information on a new truck for the highway department.

- There are still no specific prices.
- Keith will need to put a spec sheet together so the bids are all for the same thing.
- The prices will be good for 30 days.
- Keith should get quotes and finance options and give his recommendation to the board at the next meeting.

Keith discussed an issue with a school bus having difficulty navigating Chet Clark Road with the thaw.

Bob asked the status of the Rosenthal drain. Keith said it will happen as soon as someone is available.

The bridge money came and is in the highway fund.

Keith asked how to handle the sale of the truck. It will go in local papers and the newsletter with bids due before the February 21 board meeting.

Elizabeth Gibson: The Pawlet Energy Group hosted CVPS last week.

- The smart meters will be installed this summer in Pawlet.
- Pawlet will be one of the first towns in Vermont to receive smart meters.
- Homeowners will be notified with a mailing and a follow-up mailing.
- The DOE is paying for 50% of it.
- It will make the grid more flexible and better able to deal with net metering.

Elizabeth said the Newsletter will go out as soon as the warning information is included.

Correspondence:

The board received the Basic Draft of the Emergency Operations Plan. Mike feels the plan should be walked through a few times so the kinks are worked out. The plan can be amended at any time. *Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe, to adopt the emergency management plan. So voted.*

The wastewater report was reviewed. Keith will be welding some supports for a pipe off one of the pumps.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The report includes information for the select board's letter in the town report.

Deck: The town received \$173,454.30 from the state for Bridge #6. The town also received a Betts Bridge letter from state. The Bids are due tomorrow. This is a cost share. The town is responsible for 25% but legislation in progress may make the town responsible for 12.5%.

Deck: Regarding the land gift, the taxes are due in February. Jack wants to know what the board is planning on doing about it. The Act 250 permit goes with the land. MSHA said it will be treated the same as the gravel pit. *Motion by Bob, seconded by Deck to accept the gift of the two parcels of land from Jack Williams. So voted, unanimously.*

9:10PM *Motion to adjourn by Joe, so voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, clerk