

Meeting of the Pawlet Selectboard January 6, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Chuck Weeden
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Mike Beecher
Clarence Decker (via speaker phone)

Others in Attendance:

Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Elizabeth Gibson
Nancy Morlino
Steve Williams

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

Reviewed minutes from 12-23-14. Sarah made motion to accept as amended. Deck second. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Eric will be attending a Better Building conference and a Climate Resiliency training in the upcoming weeks. He will be taking over as Municipal Planning Grant administrator. Discussed applications for Subdivision permits received. Proposed fees for single lot at \$35 and for subdivision and allowable density at \$65. Sarah made a motion to accept the proposed fees, pending any additional fee research that may prompt an adjustment to these rates. Chuck seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved. Eric explained that the Planning Commission is still seeking a new clerk, to attend meetings and take minutes. Meetings last approximately 1.5hrs.

Nancy Morlino requested that the Board vote on the street light shut off. Street light study has been ongoing for several months with notices posted in the local papers, and around town. A few lights were turned back on after public request, and she proposed that the Board approve the remaining lights to be officially removed. With these lights removed from service, and after conversion of remaining lights to LED, savings to the town will be about \$10,000. Sarah made a motion to accept the street light shut off based on the recommendations of Efficiency Vermont and Green Mountain Power and accounting for the lights returned to service during the study. 41 lights will be left on in Pawlet and West Pawlet. Bob seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Steve Williams from the historical society let the Board know that they have received a donation from Terry and Helen Tyler of a painting by Dick Leach of the Mach's store building, formerly the Franklin Hotel. Painting has been donated in memory of Susanne Rappaport and they would like to hang the painting for public viewing at the Town Hall. Sarah made a motion to hang this donated painting of the Franklin Hotel at the Town Hall. Check seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Elizabeth Gibson came to discuss the Pace town ballot article. She will get a representative of Efficiency Vermont or other knowledgeable person to be on hand at the Town Meeting to answer any questions about becoming a PACE town. She will also be providing a fact sheet to include in the town report.

Keith attended to update the Board on highway plans. The new backhoe is available for inspection prior to finalizing the purchase details. Confirmed that the town sheds have adequate salt quantities.

Deck made a motion to renew the contract with Jeff Tornyos for maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant. Chuck seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Chuck made motion to accept checks and warrants. Sarah seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Reviewed town clerks memo

Reviewed town treasurers memo

Chuck made motion to replace the current non-functional fax machine at the town hall, budget not to exceed \$350. Sarah seconded. Motion carried. Voted and approved.

Deck made motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Motion carried, Voted and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ludlam for Kimberly Ayers, Selectboard clerk