



MINUTES OF THE PAWLET SELECT BOARD

June 14, 2011

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

Present: Bob, Mike, Deck, Joe, Sue

Audience present: Kevin Mason, Dave Ricard, Alice Ricard, Peter Pochop, Helen Wood, Charlie Mason, Hadley Stock, Beth Kashner, Keith Mason, Dave Hosley, Jim Sheldon, Deanna Mach

Minutes of May 31, 2011 were reviewed. *Motion by Deck, 2nd by Sue, to accept as written. So voted.*

Audience

Dave Ricard, constable, needs a warrant for his dogs. (State Statute that unregistered dogs can be destroyed.) Deck will take care of it, with the board's approval. Dave expressed concerns about the efficiency of the health officer. Mike will contact her.

Charlie Mason, Lister, stated that grievance hearings will be held next Wednesday.

Keith Mason, Road Foreman, said the truck is in Watertown. He said a resident is concerned about Poplars on Betts Bridge Road. They are not in the town right of way.

Dave Hosley, W. Pawlet Fire Chief, said two people expressed interested in the old apparatus, a horse-drawn carriage with a gasoline pump. He was told by John Thrasher that it reverts to the town if nothing is done with it. One person will store it rent free for the town's future use. Keith said Susanne Rappaport was looking for a home for it – possibly in a museum somewhere.

7:17pm Helen Wood for the Pawlet Farmers' Market presented the board with proposed market rules and state regulations. Sue asked who is the head of the market. Helen said she is the head, and a five-member board is in place. Joe asked about signage. Manchester Farmers' Market donated sandwich signs. *Motion by Deck, 2nd by Sue, to approve the market. So voted.* They will start this Friday. They have a Facebook page.

7:25pm Open Bids for Crushing Jim Sheldon 5.25/yd plus mobilization, Chester McLellan 5.00/yd including trucking. The Board will make a decision at the end of the meeting.

7:27pm Peter Pochop Green Mountain Engineering for the WWTF time schedule.

- This time schedule gets us through the end of the warranty period.
- 30, 60, and 90% design completion meetings are set up for the beginning of July, Aug, and Oct.
- A bond vote should be scheduled for November if something else comes up to combine it with. If the vote passes, it will go out to bid in January with construction starting in early spring.

- They can order the system ahead of time (14 week lead time), or let the contractor buy it and delay start of construction accordingly.
- They plan to finish by Thanksgiving of 2012 (end warranty date).
- Peter has Mike and Bob as authorized reps on select board. He left paperwork with Deb for them to sign and send to the state. The board needs to vote to authorize them.
- Funding: RD funding is a better deal because we can stretch out the loan for 30 years. Census data will help us determine eligibility for grant match amount.
- Green Mountain Engineering will be available for a public hearing in the fall before the vote.
- He suggests a Town-wide tax to help cover the cost of the loan. Keith said users paid 6 cents on \$100 in addition to their annual fee for the previous loan, and non-users paid 1/2 cent in anticipation of having sewage pumped to W. Pawlet, adjusted right into the tax rate because the town is liable for the bond.
- Work includes a new roof: Peter recommends a standing seam metal roof. Peter is looking for town wide appraisals because it's town-wide vote. Keith said other towns subsidize their treatment plants, to take some of the burden off the users. Peter said it's common for users to pay the full amount on a construction project. Keith said the .5 cent would be double dipping since the town already appropriated \$10,000 per year.
- Phosphorus treatment creates more sludge. The pumping cost has been doubled in the engineering report. Sludge is being brought to Glens Falls now, where it is land applied, put in landfills, and sold as by-products.

Correspondence

The Clerk's memo to the board was reviewed.

Letter from VT land trust: Covino/Hulett farm conservation and development rights on VT Route 149

Letter from John Thrasher, clerk of DRB, to select board regarding the Park and Ride grant. The Park and Ride creates a secondary use of the parking lot, which is not allowed in Pawlet. The parking lot itself does not present a problem, but the use of State funding to create a Park and Ride lot is not allowed. The board agreed that the town should go forward with the plans for the improved green and parking lot. Keith said a fair amount of the work is already budgeted, so it will not impact the budget too much. Keith will coordinate the design. *Motion by Deck, 2nd by Bob to return money to state along with letter explaining it and a thank you letter. So voted.*

E-mail letter from Wendy Tudor re: planning grants. Have Deb send to Planning Commission.

Motion by Deck, seconded by Joe to appoint Mike and Bob as representatives for the wastewater plant. So voted. The Board signed the forms.

The wastewater monthly report was reviewed.

Mike noted no activity noticed regarding cleaning the debris plowed into the WWTF driveway.

Joe said the Schindler inspection will occur by June 21st. Joe will try and get a Schindler rep. up here for the drill.

The Pawlet Planning Commission needs clerk for DRB. A letter to the board requested the hiring of a clerk, noting there are many requirements to be followed. The clerk needs to be paid, as well. The DRB meets two or three times per year. Keith feels any written decision by the DRB should be done by a town attorney. Mike will talk to Fred about this before the next meeting.

A letter to the editor was sent to the board about grading dirt roads.

Unfinished Business

Joe reported on the Club 2011 on occupancy in Auditorium. Jim Andrus said no more than 40 with a fireman on duty in building while using the upstairs. Dave Hosley would like to see fire escape installed. Joe said another drill with Pawlet and West Pawlet is in the works before the celebration weekend. Dave Hosley would like a key to the building. They put the key in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal. Deb can sign a key out for the fire department.

Keith asked Joe if they received recommendations from Wade on what needs to be done at the town garage. Let compressor go for salvage, then the town is not liable for it.

Deck said a monument meeting is set for June 16th at 10am in West Pawlet. Deck and Joe will attend, along with three reps from Vtrans.

Deck Signed the final papers on the FEMA grant for the culvert by Bob Jones' house.

New Business

Deck said the Betts Bridge Road culvert FEMA grant application is in progress.

Mike asked about the Better Back Roads grant. Deck is typing it up and will give a copy to the board.

Joe asked why there isn't a sign for handicap parking. Karen said it was taken down when the porch was re-done, and never got put back up. Joe and Sue will look for the sign and get it back in place.

Deck recused himself from board, leaving the building and going home before the crushing bid discussion. There was a question of who is measuring the crushing. Bob asked if we need to spend \$25,000 on crushing. Keith said we are in good shape with the budget. Kevin asked about the quality of the gravel – is it good enough for topcoat? Keith said there is good gravel there, and lots of tailings from winter screening. Keith said it can be paid for when the FEMA money arrives. *Motion by Joe, seconded by Sue, to accept the Chester G. McLellan Jr. bid. So voted.*

Keith will be responsible for monitoring the activity and discussing all the fine points of the work before it begins.

Mike will call Jim and Chet tomorrow and let them know the results of the bid.

Kevin Whitaker picked up a painting bid package. Sue will call more painters.

The board needs to discuss a portable toilet clause in the Farmers' Market rules and regulations.

9:07pm *Motion to adjourn by Sue, so voted.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Folger, Clerk