

Minutes for Town Of Pawlet Select Board
Pawlet Town Hall
Pawlet, VT
August 4, 2015

Members in Attendance:

Sarah Ludlam
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Mike Beecher
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Eric Mach
Keith Mason
Mike Mullen
Timothy Hughes-Muse
Thomas Fuller

Meeting Called to order at 7:04 pm

Item 1: Review Past Meeting Minutes: Sarah has asked the minutes to be changed to show that “Eric discussed with the board that *most-all* of the violations have been resolved” and “Keith had given the board a revised version of the paving-~~contracts~~ *bid sheets.*”

Chuck made a motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting on July 17th as corrected, Ed seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 2: Paving Bids for the North Pawlet Road:

Three bids received:

- 1) Wilk Paving- \$64.41/ton, Estimated tonnage =2100 tons, project total \$135,261
- 2) Pike Industries- \$63.70/ton, Estimated tonnage= 2150 tons, project total \$136,955
- 3) Fuller Sand and Gravel- \$58/ton, Estimated tonnage =2133 tons, project total \$123,714

Chuck noted that the tonnage is similar across bids. Main difference is in the price per ton. Chuck confirmed with company representatives that the specs include rubber wheeled roller and that the project can be completed in September.

Chuck made the motion to award the contract to Fuller Sand and Gravel based on the price per ton and total project price. Ed seconded the motion, voted and approved.

Keith Mason noted that there may be room in the budget for other road improvements while the paving equipment is nearby. Mike mentioned that the Route 30 end of Rt 153 is the most likely area for a road improvement. Keith suggests that Fuller could lay a shim coat on 153 between River Road and Route 30. Bob suggest maybe extending it to the Braintree School house. Keith says that if we do a little shim now on Rt 153 it will reduce the cost of next year's paving. Keith will get more information from Fuller Sand and Gravel. On the North Pawlet Rd project the state of Vermont provides 90% cost. The town is liable for all improvement to the Rt 153 project.

Item 3: Road Foreman's Memo

Salt Contracts are out. 3% increase. There are two options: option 1 is \$92.89/ton for guaranteed delivery and supply with fuel surcharge. Option two \$81.42/ton and no guaranteed delivery or supply and no fuel surcharge. We ran low last year because of state shortages and there is not enough room to store all the salt we need. We contract for 400 tons. Pawlet stores 100 ton and West Pawlet can store about 75 ton. The board discussed other places to store salt. Chuck feels that we should not use private property. Pawlet's Road Foreman will sign the contract for \$81.42/ton and order early, with consensus of the board.

Bull Frog Hollow Rd culvert reimbursement request has been finalized and submitted. The guardrail was not in the original grant scope. The board discussed the need for the guardrail. Keith suggests that since the road is wider and safer, and no guardrail existed previously, there is less need for guardrail and we should not install it as a priority.

Bridge indicator signs should be installed to warn motorists.

Progress is being made on building the sand piles and the culvert inventory has been completed.

Keith talked with Patsy Cramer about West Pawlet storm drain project and they are coordinating with her.

Board is waiting on culvert pricing for Warren Switch Road project.

There is a stream alteration permit in place.

Fred Stone is approved to mow landfill in West Pawlet. The post-closure plan is almost complete.

Bob Jones, Keith Mason and Tim Hughes-Muse will get together to identify what information Tim needs to communicate to local contractors about proper use of town gravel pits.

Keith supplied proposed upcoming work list.

The section of Button Falls Rd that was a sinkhole may be subsiding.

The board asked Keith to look at that section of road.

Item 4: Zoning Administrator's Report

The fall schedule for the Pawlet Town Plan review and approval is as follows:

August 10th- Planning Committee special meeting.

August 24th- deadline for completed plan so that there can be enough warning.

Sept 28th- Pawlet Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Town Plan and Unified Bylaws.

November 20th- The Select Board will hold a public hearing on Town Plan and unified bylaws. Note that this is a regular meeting of the Select Board.

November 27th- Rutland Regional Planning Commission hearing regarding Pawlet Town Plan.

Dec 1st village designation due.

Eric has a phone call in to John Edwards about conditional use permit.

Other Zoning Issues: Parking along Rt 153 at craft shop is still a concern.

Item 5: Treasurer's Memo

Pawlet Public Library- received letter from Library Board regarding Zohara Zarfarti insurance claim. The library requested John Thrasher review problem. Claimant has been directed to town's insurer, VLCT.

Mike Beecher read letter from John Thrasher who advised Ms. Zarfarti to only contact VLCT and requested that she no longer correspond with the librarian or the library's Board of Trustees regarding the incident.

Sarah made a motion to approve warrants, seconded by Ed, motion carried, voted and approved.

Tax bills are confirmed to have been issued.

Item 6: Town Clerk's Memo

Reviewed Robert and Nancy Morlino's inspection of town hall to prepare for contractor's visit to work on town hall, specifically electrical and plumbing. The Board requests that they be notified in advance when a contractor is scheduled to visit. The Board gratefully accepts Bob's offer to fix basement door latch.

Item 7: Directive for Select Board Assistant

Sarah suggests giving Tim sheet on VTrans funding opportunities for potential projects. Possibilities include ditching along Warren Switch Rd and 153 by the schoolhouse. Once Tim has an idea of the criteria he can work with Keith to identify other projects.

Tim will re-apply to VTrans to reduce the speed limit through Pawlet Village.

Tim will review warrants, timesheets, and memos before meetings. Tim will work with road crew to get more detail on their timesheets which will eventually provide the Select Board with data to better prioritize road projects.

Item 8: Things to address in the next meeting

The board requests an update on the progress being made on the turn around on Hickory Hollow Road.

Ed asked if the road crew can clean brush and debris from behind Library?

Ed made the motion to adjourn at 9:15. Bob seconded. Motion carried, voted and approved.

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