

Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
January 2, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Frank Nelson
Eric Mach

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:06 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - a. New Business
 1. Back-up Highway Crew hourly rate
 - b. Old Business
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Motion to accept the Minutes of December 19, 2017.
Result: Approved [Unanimous]
Mover: Mr. Cleveland
Second: Mr. Malcolm
Discussion: None
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - a. none
6. Announcements- None at this time.
7. Reports and Budget discussion.
 - a. Zoning Administrator's Report
Mr. Mach discussed ongoing zoning violations. Mr. Mach requests the permission of the selectboard for the town attorney to send a letter notifying the resident of further action.
Motion to provide Mr. Mach the legal authority to pursue legal action.

Mover: Mr. Weeden
Second; Mr. Cleveland
Result: Approved [Unanimous]
Discussion: None

- b. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. The road crew has been working long hours clearing snow and the Road Foreman took the evening off. No report submitted.
- c. Listers' Report- No report submitted, but the board discussed the possibility of a switch to an assessor.
- d. Town Clerk's Memo- The board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
- e. Emergency Management Director's Report- the board reviewed the report.
- f. Health Officer's Report- reviewed the report.
- g. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - a. Review of bills and signing of selectboard's orders
Motion to approve the warrants
Result: Approved [Unanimous]
Mover: Mr. Cleveland
Second: Mr. Malcolm
Discussion: None
- h. Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo- The board reviewed the report and discussed the quality of the winter sand. The board is pleased to see the coarser stone in the sand, but are disappointed by the amount of silt in the winter sand because it will lead to slimier roads in the spring. The board discussed sources for procuring better winter sand.
- i. WWTF- Mr. Beecher stated the parts for the RBC repair are stateside and will be on their way once they clear customs.

8. Old or unfinished business

- a. Slag Pile bid process: Mr. Weeden suggests a 10 day time frame from the posting of the request for bids. The newspaper posting will read as follows:
The Town of Pawlet will accept bids for a 5.1 acre parcel. The parcel is zoned industrial/commercial and is located at 43.359080, -73.246459. The property is adjacent to VT Route 153 and the property has remnant slate piles from a former slate quarry. Maps of the parcel are available at the Pawlet Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office. Visit Pawlet.vt.gov for hours and location of the Pawlet Town Clerk's Office. Bids must be received by the Pawlet Town Clerk no later than 3pm Monday February 12th, 2018. Bids will be opened February 13th, 2018 at 7pm, in the Pawlet Town Hall.
All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Town in care of the selectboard, and plainly marked with the name of the bid and the time of the bid opening. Bid proposals will be date stamped on the outside of the envelope immediately upon receipt. Any bid may be withdrawn in writing prior to the scheduled time for the opening of bids. Any bids received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

A bidder submitting a bid thereby certifies that the bid is made in good faith without fraud, collusion, or connection of any kind with any other bidder for the same work, and that the bidder is competing solely on his/her behalf without connection with or obligation to any undisclosed person or firm.

The selectboard reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, to waive any informalities or any irregularities therein, to accept any bid even though it may not be the lowest bid, to call for rebids, to negotiate with any bidder, and to make an award which in its sole and absolute judgment will best serve the Town's interest.

9. New Business-

- a. Motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of the evaluation of a public officer or employee per 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

Mover: Mr. Weeden

Second: Mr. Cleveland

Result: Approved [unanimous]

- b. The board exited executive session with no decisions made at 8:52 pm.
c. Motion to set the hourly rate for Winter Substitute Highway Crew at \$20.00/ hr, effective as of 1/2/18. There are no benefits associated with this position.
d. Mover: Mr. Malcolm
e. Second: Mr. Cleveland
f. Result: Approved with one opposed.

10. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:00 pm

Result: Approved [Unanimous]

Mover: Mr. Cleveland

Second: Mr. Weeden

Discussion: None