

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard
Pawlet Town Hall
May 10, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Bob Jones
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Eric Mach
Joann Reid
Jim Reid
Larry Leslie

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:01 pm

Item 2: Introduction of those present

Item 3: Review minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Cleveland motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Ms. Reid would like to clarify that the Ladies Auxiliary in West Pawlet has supplied the flags for both village centers for many years. She agrees the town should now begin assuming responsibility for the purchase of the flags and materials, allowing the Ladies Auxiliary to fundraise for other projects. The selectboard and the Town of Pawlet is very thankful that the Ladies Auxiliary helped in fundraising for the flags.

Ms. Reid asked the board about moving the monument in West Pawlet. Mr. Beecher stated that the monument presents a safety hazard. Ms. Reid asked that she kept abreast of plans as they develop. There are no plans right now.

Larry Leslie is attending representing himself and Marty Kravitts, to follow-up on his visit in October. Mr. Leslie has problems with people speeding on Rupert Mt Rd. Mr. Kravitts thinks that the town should pave the road. Mr. Leslie feels that the town taxes his home and property an inordinate amount and the dust decreases the value of his home. Mr. Beecher explained that the town has tried to connect to with the Better Road program to have them look at the road. We are also in the process of prioritizing road problems and that this section of the road is on the list. Mr. Jones added that any project on that road requires an engineer. Mr. Leslie asks that the constable patrol the road. Mr. Leslie stated that he tries to slow people down by waving them down. Mr. Leslie asked if there could be more signage posted on the road to slow drivers down. Mr. Leslie also mentioned that the Luders and Kravitts's driveways washout because of the road.

Item 5: Announcements

The next regular meeting of the select board on May 24th, 2016 will be held at the town's Gravel Pit located in North Pawlet off of Route 30 from 7:00 pm to 7:35 pm. The meeting will reconvene at 7:45pm at the Pawlet Town Hall.

Item 6: Reports**1. Road Foreman's Report-**

- a. Gravel crushing is ongoing in the Town Gravel Pit.
- b. Mr. Mason presented a proposal from Mr. Sheldon to trade mason sand for gravel.
- c. Mr. Beecher asked if they could mix heavier tailings into the gravel mix and the board discussed possibilities.
- d. Everything has been graded.
- e. The road crew has been applying calcium chloride, however applicator and trailer need work.
- f. First slate project should be Waite Hill Rd.
- g. Tadmer Rd culvert should take 2 weeks to complete.
- h. North Pawlet Rd culvert should take 2 weeks to complete.
- i. AOT awarded grants of \$16,000 to true and level River Rd. The grant application to pave Rt 153 has been denied.
- j. Mr. Beecher and Mr. Jones discussed safety at the slag pile. Mr. Weeden is concerned about using the rubber-tired loader at the slag pile and possibly damaging the tires.

2. Zoning Administrator's Report

- a. Mr. Mach attended the regional planning commission meeting. Mr. Mach asked that \$1,500 be approved to have help from the regional planning commission help write the flood plain regulations and river corridor regulations. The consensus of the board is that Mr. Mach should hire the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to help modify the by-laws.
- b. Mr. Mach would like to add to a park and ride to the zoning bylaws.
- c. The village center designation is complete but there are adjustments that need to be made to the maps.
- d. Mr. Mach would like to attend a zoning and planning meeting at Lake Morrey for \$80.

3. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
 - b. *Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve a 30-day extension to file the grand list to the Vermont Department of Taxes, seconded by Mr. Jones, motion carried voted and approved.*
4. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.*
 - b. *Ms. Ludlam made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Weeden, motion carried, voted and approved.*
5. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed Assistant's Memo*
6. WWTF
 - a. *The consensus of the board is to drop the pursuit or reimbursement for the bearing at the WWTF, based on the advice of the town's attorney.*

Item 8: Old Business

No Old business was discussed.

Item 9: New Business

Ms. Ludlam fielded some phone calls about road conditions around town. Mr. Jones recommended that we begin to mix in better materials in order to extend the life of the gravel pit.

Mr. Weeden made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm, Ms. Ludlam seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

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