

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
May 8, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Mike Beecher
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Harry Van Meter
Anne Hadeka
Gary Hadeka
Beth Duquette
Ray Duquette Sr
Michelle Tilander
Paul Tilander
James Glick
Kristin Powers
Gardiner Charlton
Linda Charlton
Joni Lee
Seth Butler
Dolores Luebke
Richard Marantz
Rebecca Hulett
Frank Nelson
Eric Mach
Keith Mason
Amy Murphy
Ken Norman
Eli-Anita Norman
Rita W. Robson
Darren Godette
Karen Folger
John Thrasher

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - James Glick to speak on behalf of the fire department.
 - Assessor update to be discussed during the Assessor/Lister Report.
 - b. Old Business: None.
 - c. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Motion to accept the Minutes of April 24, 2018 with edits made to second motion of Item 7, Section C.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved.
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - a. Brooke Hughes-Muse electronically submitted a proposal to extend yoga in the town hall through September 2018 (dates to be added to town Google calendar).
 - Approved (unanimous)
 - b. Ray Duquette Sr. – Mr. Duquette spoke on behalf of friends and neighbors regarding the Briar Hill Tactical Shooting Range, ultimately requesting that the Board put a cease and desist order on the range until the proper permits are filed.
 - Mr. Mach responded to questions regarding permitting, stating that tactical shooting range needs three permit applications to be re-submitted in order to be in compliance. None of these permits have been filed as of 5/8/18. When permits are filed there is a 15-day period which allows for appeals to be submitted.
 - Mr. Van Meter acknowledged vague wording of bylaws and inquires as to whether or not the zoning administrator is able to interpret vague wording of bylaws in his own way.
 - Amy Murphy spoke to bylaw addressing the maintenance of agricultural, farm, and residential characteristics of neighborhood and enforcing the importance of maintaining the character of the Briar Hill neighborhood.
 - Beth Duquette shared that the DEC has been notified regarding wetland disturbance as a result of the development of the shooting range.
 - Frank Nelson supported the fact that the size of the property housing the tactical shooting range is large enough to fall under Act 250, meaning the state's resources may be more suitable to face this situation.
 - Mr. Beecher responded by acknowledging the strong and compelling perspective of the neighbors and residents of Briar Hill and highlighting the importance of addressing the specific zoning laws to properly deal with this situation. The Board plans to speak with town attorney, John Thrasher to determine proper next steps.

- Dolores Luebke supported the board's desire to seek additional information from Mr. Thrasher and have the state's involvement.
 - Mr. Beecher culminated the conversation by expressing his understanding of the feelings of the community and neighbors. Ray Duquette Sr. was established as the contact to communicate discussion with Mr. Thrasher.
- c. James Glick – Represented the Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, requesting that Keith Mason utilize town roads equipment on a weekend/during personal time to re-grade the firehouse parking lot.
- Additional request to add the fire department to the town's paving contract. The board determines this would not be financially benefit to the town. Mr. Jones offers to assist the Fire Department in contacting paving groups.
 - Motion to approve equipment use.
 - Approved (unanimous).
6. Announcements- None
7. Reports:
- a. Zoning Administrator's Report –
- Mr. Mach to reports on the Perhan/Mach right-of-way. Mr. Perhan has applied for a waiver from the dimensional requirements of Ashley Waite's right of way (which does not require as much detail as a variance).
 - DRB hearing will be on May 23rd at 7:00pm.
 - MHG Solar LLC. has another solar project in the works for industrial portion of Briar Hill.
- b. Road Foreman's Report –
- Mr. Mason proposes the town switch from Calcium Chloride to Magnesium Chloride from Innovative Solutions to improve upon dust control. Utilizing this (more) environmentally friendly product would reduce the price from \$1.03/gal to \$.84/gal. Storage and applicator for Magnesium Chloride are included with a 3-year contract, maintenance included, with Innovative Solutions. Town of Pawlet takes possession of storage and applicator at the end of the 3 years.
 1. Motion to have a contract drawn up by Innovative Solutions.
 2. Approved (unanimous).
 - 2709 Rte 153 West Pawlet requests a curb cut driveway permit.
 1. Permit signed by Mr. Beecher, Mr. Jones, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Weeden, Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Mason.
 - Road Crew Position Update: Keith Mason, Ed Cleveland and Chuck Weeden interviewed highway position candidates. The board to discuss applicants in Executive Session.
- c. Assessor Discussion/Listers' Report-
- Lisa Wright, whom accepted the position of Assessor, began on Monday, May 7, 2018.

1. Mr. Beecher signs Contract for Wright Appraisal Services as Contract Assessor for Remainder 2018 Grand List Year and Full Year 2019 Grand List FY19 on 5/8/2018.
 - Karen Folger accepted the offer for Assessor Clerk for FY18 and began Wednesday, May 1, 2018.
 - The Assessor office hours will be 10:00am-1:00pm on Mondays.
 - Recommendation made to extend the deadline for the FY18 Grand List.
 1. Motion to request deadline extension from the state.
 2. Mover: John Malcolm
 3. 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 4. Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Karen Folger requests that her position title changes from Assessor Clerk to Assistant Assessor.
 1. Motion to change position title to Assistant Assessor.
 2. Approved (unanimous).
- d. Emergency Management Director's Report- Reviewed on 4/10.
- e. Public Health Officer's Report- Reviewed on 5/8.
- f. Town Clerk's Memo - The board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - Mr. Jones signed Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit.
 - Mr. Beecher signed 2018 Grand List Extension Request.
- g. Town Treasurer's Memo
 - The board reviewed the Treasurer's memo.
 - The board signed checks.
 - Review of warrants
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Chuck Weeden
 3. Second: Ed Cleveland
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
 - The board discussed Janet Baierlein's request to revisit the possibility of a plaque on the green thanking those people and business who had worked to establish the space. The board is interested in coming up with a base idea for a plaque. Mr. Beecher to follow up on this project.
- h. WWTF- Mr. Beecher briefed the board on the WWTF repair updates. John Thrasher provides input regarding best possible procedure to move forward in approaching repair and rectification of WWTF project.
8. Old or unfinished business – John Thrasher addresses concerns regarding Briar Hill shooting range. Mr. Thrasher suggests that concerned citizens contact Act 250 as state authority has more power than the town of Pawlet.
9. New Business – none
10. The board enters Executive Session to discuss resolving litigation issues regarding the sale of a portion of the West Pawlet Slate property at 8:56pm.
 - a. Motion to exit executive session with no decisions made at 9:26pm.
 - Mover: Bob Jones

- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Approved: Unanimous
- b. Motion to have John Thrasher contact Tarbell & Beecher attorneys to negotiate settlement on Town's behalf.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Approved: Unanimous
11. The board enters Executive Session to discuss candidates for Town Highway Position at 9:30pm.
- a. Motion to exit executive session with decisions made at 9:44pm.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Approved: Unanimous
- b. Motion to contact candidates regarding Town Highway Position decision.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Approved: Unanimous
12. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:58pm
Result: Approved [Unanimous]
Mover: Mr. Weeden
Second: Mr. Cleveland
Discussion: None