

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 25, 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:

Jay Luebke - PEG-TV
Ken Norman
Frank Nelson
Lucy Norman
Paul Tilander
Michelle Tilander
James Sheldon
Bailey Sheldon
Harry Van Meter
Ray Duquette SR.
Beth Moser-Duquette
John Davis
Val Davis
Keith Mason
Anne Marie Maiello
Eli Norman & Daughter

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items

- a. Additions: None
- b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept the Minutes of September 11, 2018 with no edits or corrections.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - A. Ray Duquette Sr. - Representing Briar Hill Group:
 - Complaint to Select Board regarding the delay of the hearing, discussing the October, “school”, decision.
 - Shared frustrations that, at a previous meeting, Mr. Banyai had answers to a concern at the meeting while the Briar Hill Group is still waiting for answers to theirs.
 - Additionally, the group is upset that no fines have been collected, besides one fine for \$200.00, from Mr. Banyai for an improperly permitted building. There is belief from the group that daily fines should be collected.
 - Mr. Beecher responded, stating that the Board is following guidance from the town’s attorney regarding proper sequencing.
 - B. Michelle Tilander: Thanked Ray Duquette for representing the Briar Hill Group, and as a Briar Hill resident herself is also displeased with the timetable of events.
 - C. Frank Nelson:
 - Shared that the bylaws do not require daily fines to be collected on buildings.
 - Also shared that he and Harry Van Meter are working together on the town plan mentioned during a previous meeting.
 - D. Beth Moser-Duquette: Questioned as to whether or not Slate Ridge is good development.
 - E. John Davis Sr.: Presented photo of a no trespassing sign posted on Mr. Banyai’s property reading, “Trespass here, Die here! Take the chance!”. Mr. Davis wondered why the town is not, “protecting”, the Briar Hill Group.

F. Anne Marie Maiello: Never received a letter from Mr. Thrasher regarding the Cemetery Hill right-of-way, which is something she had heard mention of during a previous meeting. Board to investigate this.

6. Announcements: None

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report: No memo, however there is a DRB Hearing scheduled for Thursday, 9/27, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, concerning a shed variance in West Pawlet.

- Harry Van Meter, Representing the Planning Commission: First responded that the Planning Commission is not in favor of development of properties such as Slate Ridge. Also shared that the Planning Commission is making progress with economic development research and are pleased with the amount of public input.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Two bids received for crushing gravel:
 1. J. Sheldon: \$5.53/yard for 5000 cubic yards. Could begin immediately. Needed half of the money prior to start and the other half after completion.
 2. C. McLellan: \$5.50/yard for 5000 cubic yards. Did not remark on his availability.
- Motion made to accept the low bid from Chet McLellan at \$5.50/yard for 5000 cubic yards, providing he is available.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Addendum: Keith Mason to follow up with Mr. McLellan regarding availability.
- Culvert at Herrick Brook Road anticipated to be read for setting during the first few weeks of October upon Ashley Waite's completion of concrete work. Crane may be available next week. Crew could start fall grading during this same time, pending gravel availability.
- Mr. Mason picked up the old bench in front of McChesney's.
- VTEL picked up old wires coiled up in front of Mach's Store.

- Bob Jones shared with the Board that he and his wife have property adjacent to the town's gravel pit that may be an opportunity to extend.
- C. Assessor Report:
- The Board signed and reviewed the Errors and Omissions report.
- D. Emergency Management Director's Report- Reviewed on 8/14/18.
- E. Public Health Officer's Report- Reviewed on 8/14/18.
- F. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's memo.
 - The Board passed the information with regard to the VT Arts Council to Harry Van Meter and the Planning Commission.
 - The Board acknowledged Mr. Shehadi's concerns regarding the Rte-30/River Rd. intersection, replying that this is a State Highway and would need to be discussed with the State.
 - The Town Offices will be closed 10/8 from 11:00am-1:30pm and on 10/23.
- G. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Treasurer's memo.
 - The Board received preliminary information regarding FY20 Budgets.
 - The Board signed checks.
 - The Board reviewed the warrants
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: Chuck Weeden
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
 - Lost two sewer hook-ups in the past year. Additionally, one is on a house that town owns. However, Judy Coolidge was able to maintain the \$630 per hookup, per unit.
 - Motion to keep present sewer fee as \$630/unit, per year. Currently there are 127 users.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- H. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- \$1500.00 credit received thus far. Another \$1500.00 is en route, bringing the total to \$3000.00 of credit for incorrect parts.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Dawn Wood Property Sale (Rte 153, W. Pawlet): Town received memo from John Thrasher regarding suggested course of action.
- Frank Nelson inquired as to whether or not there was insurance the property? This would be important information to obtain prior to public showings.
- Mr. Malcolm mentioned that the Town Hall marker has been installed with the help of Don and Bob Wood. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Barry Meinerth and Steve Williams, of the Pawlett Historical Society, should be recognized for initiating this project.
- Leak in the roof of the Library which was fixed by the Dorans.
- Chuck Weeden and Bob Jones shared concerns regarding the delay in resolution of the slag pile property as it relates to the Beechers & Tarbells.
- Mr. Duquette Sr. requested a copy of the correspondence from Mr. Thrasher regarding the requested permit from Mr. Banyai.
- Harry Van Meter asked about whether or not the new Zoning Administrator has enough hours to fulfill and complete his responsibilities. Mr. Beecher responded, stating that the Town is working within this year's budget. Also wondered of Hal Wilkins should be present at DRB meetings, to which the Board responded stating that was a decision for the DRB.
- Beth Moser-Duquette had a complaint about water quality and whether housing two horses next to the river on Rte 30 was appropriate.

9. New Business: None.

10. Motion made to enter Executive Session at 8:15pm to discuss personnel information.

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)

11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:45pm.

12. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:46pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- Second: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)