

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 16, 2019
7:26 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Mike Beecher
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Jay Luebke - PEG-TV
Dolores Luebke
Julie Mach
James Glick
Frank Nelson
Keith Mason
Ashley Waite
Harry Van Meter
Tom Collard
Sally Cleveland
Don DiChiara
Danny Snyder
Kathryn Lawrence

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: Discuss which piece of equipment the Town would like to select for Grants-In-Aid intent (TBD during Road Foreman's Report). Animals at Large protocol (TBD during old business).
 - b. Deletions: Eve Schaub and Library Q&A postponed to a later meeting.

3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of July 2, 2019 as printed.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - James Glick – Requested permission to work with Mr. Mason & the roads crew to install a sign post and sign at the entrance of his right-of-way (ROW) beside the Library indicating parking regulations due to the active ROW. The Board unanimously supported and approved this request.
6. Announcements:
 - Ms. Powers completed a questionnaire sent out by UVM Extension's Town Officer Education Conference (TOEC) program.
7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - The Board reviewed the ZA's Report.
 - Re : Perham/Waite Item – Discussion ensued. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward, in consultation with the attorney, with Mr. Wilkins may move forward in taking proper ZA enforcement actions if the necessary corrective actions are not taken by the Perham party.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Following discussion, the Board and Mr. Mason agreed to select the roller compactor attachment for the grader as the piece of equipment eligible for receiving state funding via the Grants-In-Aid program. A message was sent to Ms. Noyes-Pulling indicating this decision.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing grader issues. Ms. Mach and Mr. Mason will work together to continue conversations with the vendor re: final billing.

- Conversations took place regarding the status of road work, specifically on Herrick Brook Road.
- Mr. Beecher confirmed with Mr. Mason that he may be able to assist in future WWTF functions once a new plan is put in place for the plant.
- Mr. Snyder inquired about the amount of chloride spread on different parts of the Town's the roads. Mr. Mason shared this is due to quantity of product on hand. Discussions continued regarding road maintenance.
- General discussions ensued regarding the potential for increased road budget and what that would mean for Town tax rates.

D. Assessor Report:

- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - One bid for the Pawlet Library's front steps project was submitted by Waite's Foundation Inc. and read by Mr. Cleveland.
 - Motion made to accept the bid submitted by Waite's Foundation, Inc. as written.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: None.
 - Discussion: Conversation led to the thought that further review of the bid may be considered prior to acceptance.
 - Result: Not approved
 - Motion made to table the discussion until a later meeting.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: Conversation ensued.
 - Result: Approved (In favor: Mr. Jones, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Cleveland, Opposed: Mr. Weeden).

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
- The Board signed checks.
- Ms. Mach shared the Grand List, with a final number of \$1,713,373.13.
- Motion made to approve the Tax Rate on Fiscal Year 2020 Grand List, with the Non-Homestead Tax Rate set at \$1.5591 and the Homestead Tax Rate set at \$1.3800.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- The Board reviewed the warrants.
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: Bob Jones
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Report reviewed during first meeting of the month.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- Report reviewed during first meeting of the month.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- No report at this meeting.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Follow-up conversations took place regarding the issue of cattle running at large discussed during the meeting on 7/2/2019. A request was made for Mr. Ricard to complete the incident report. Mr. Jones to follow up on this. Mr. Collard to present a bill for the impound fee to the Town.

9. New Business:

- Dolores Luebke inquired about the pothole by the monument in West Pawlet, and wondered if a grate or something of the like could be placed there for safety's sake. Discussions

continued regarding the intersection in the center of West Pawlet, and possible plans for the future.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke to the sewage fees.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:30pm

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