

**Minutes of Town of Pawlet Planning Commission**  
**Pawlet Town Offices**  
*Monday, July 23, 2012, 7:30 pm*

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***Members in Attendance:***

Fred Stone  
Karl Eberth  
Myron Waite  
Tom Nelson

***Members not in Attendance:***

Harry van Meter  
John Thrasher (arrived late)  
Gary Baierlein

***Others in Attendance:***

James Glick  
Lenny Gibson  
Elizabeth Gibson  
Frank Nelson  
Jaime Lee, RRPC  
Jacki Lappen, PPC Clerk  
Eric Mach, Zoning Admin.

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**Item 1**

**Review minutes**

The minutes of the public forum on June 25, 2012, were approved as written. The minutes of the PPC meeting on June 25, 2012, were adopted with one change:

**MOTION** made by Myron Waite to add that James Glick is to be paid for acting as clerk at the June 25<sup>th</sup> public forum. Seconded by Tom Nelson. Approved unanimously.

**Item 2**

**Audience**

Elizabeth Gibson asked whether the public survey should be removed from the Town of Pawlet website, what role the newsletter and website should play as the subdivision process moves along, if the revised long-term PPC schedule was available to put on the website, and who on the PPC could serve as her contact for information. Fred Stone said these questions would be answered under agenda Item 4. In response to audience questions, she reported that there is a counter on the website to indicate how many people have logged on, and that the newsletter goes to all the people on the Pawlet and West Pawlet mail routes as well as non-resident taxpayers.

**Item 3**

**Zoning administrator's report**

Eric Mach reported on an application for a deck on the house behind the Spanktown school. The deck doesn't meet one setback, but since 30 days have passed, the permit is granted. He also got an email from the solar panel speaker who will be going to the State for an Act 248 permit.

#### **Item 4**

##### **Subdivision regulations – Jaime Lee, Rutland Regional Planning Commission**

- Jaime has received no new responses to the survey, so she recommended that it be removed from the website, and Elizabeth Gibson agreed to do this.
- Jaime is adding extra PPC agenda dates to ensure everything will get covered. She suggested adding October 15 and December 17. The revised year-long agenda schedule will be forwarded to Elizabeth Gibson for publication on the website.

**MOTION** made by John Thrasher to schedule special meetings on October 15 and December 17. Karl Eberth seconded. John said these meetings need to be warned.

- Jaime distributed an executive summary from the public forum, frequently asked questions, and responses on the subdivision questionnaire. The FAQ's will be placed in the 2 post offices, town offices, and website. Frank Nelson recommended the library as well. James Glick suggested posting graphs, but the PPC decided they would be more confusing than informative. The power point will remain on the website. Future additional materials provided by Jaime Lee and approved by the PPC will be placed on the website and at Town Hall so the public can access them.
- Elizabeth Gibson asked to go on record as stating that the PPC should consult with the Natural Resources Council because they administer Act 250. John Thrasher and the PPC replied that Pawlet would be better served hearing from residents and seeking advice from professionals whose expertise is directly relevant to Pawlet's specific situation and goals.
- Tom Nelson suggested that the PPC spend more time considering the implications of expanding development in West Pawlet as mentioned in recent PPC materials.
- Rather than name a PPC member as contact for Elizabeth Gibson regarding the newsletter and website, the PPC decided that she and others should attend PPC meetings to ask questions and get information. By way of background, John Thrasher reported on an email that came to him and Jaime from Elizabeth that he felt had incorrect information, but he was not comfortable speaking for the PPC. Karl Eberth said she needed a contact only if she was putting on a reporter's hat, but a contact was unnecessary since she would be putting up only materials approved by the PPC. Fred Stone affirmed that only PPC minutes and decisions should be placed on the website and in the newsletter, as well as other materials as approved by the PPC. The newsletter is a town publication paid for by the Town.

#### **Item 5**

##### **New business**

None.

#### **Item 6**

##### **Set agenda for next month's meeting**

he next meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, at 7:30 pm. The agenda will be the same as tonight's agenda.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jacki Lappen, PPC Clerk