



**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission**  
**Pawlet Town Office**  
**Pawlet, VT**  
**Monday, January 25, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Members Attending:**

**Gary Baierlein**  
**Wayne Clarke**  
**Paul Elsholz**  
**Mark Frost**  
**Melissa LaCount**  
**Eric Mach**

**Members Absent:**

**Harry Van Meter**

**Others Attending:**

**None**

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Eric called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**Item 1: Meeting Agenda**

Paul moved to approve the meeting agenda; Melissa seconded; motion passed.

**Item 2: Approve Minutes of Meetings on 11/23/15 and 12/28/15**

Gary moved to approve the minutes of 11/23/15; Mark seconded; motion passed.

Eric said the minutes of 12/28/15 should include the language that was changed in the Town Plan regarding the fire department. Melissa moved to approve those minutes with the change; Mark seconded; motion passed.

**Item 3: Audience Comments**

No audience member were present.

**Item 4: Review the process of writing the town plan**

Prior to the meeting, Paul spoke with Barbara Noyes-Pulling of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and put together a list of ways to avoid pitfalls in the writing process. The list was reviewed. It will be stored in Eric's office along with other documentation (that support some of the statistics used in the Town Plan) in the hope that it will facilitate future writing efforts.

### **Item 5: Unified Bylaws**

Eric distributed hard copies of a working draft of the Unified Bylaws. The following changes were discussed:

#### Article II Section 6 Village and Commercial (page 9)

- remove "Mobile home park" from conditional uses
- add "Microbrewery/distillery" to conditional uses
- add "Agricultural processing plant" to conditional uses

#### Article II Section 7 Agricultural and Rural Residential (pp.10-11)

- move "Home occupation" from permitted uses to conditional uses
- remove "Organized camp" from permitted uses
- add "Child-care/Day-care/Adult-care facility" to conditional uses
- add "Municipal/State building/Garage for sand and salt storage" to conditional uses

The definitions in Article XVII, corresponding to the uses listed above, will also need to be added or removed.

Wayne suggested the commission make sure that Article IX Section 5 Exemption (3) "Power generation . . ." be reviewed to ensure consistency between the Town Plan and Bylaws.

### **Item 6: New Business**

No new business

### **Item 7. Next Meeting**

The agenda for the next meeting, scheduled for February 22, 2016:

Approve agenda with any changes; approve minutes from 1/25/15; audience comments; Unified Bylaws (including language dealing with river corridors and personal short-term rentals); zoning administrators report; set agenda for next meeting.

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm; Melissa seconded; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Elsholz