

**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission  
Pawlet Town Office  
Pawlet, VT  
Monday, August. 28th, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

**Members Attending:**

**Wayne Clarke**

**Mark Frost**

**Eric Mach**

**Rik Sassa**

**Members Absen**

**Gary Baierlein**

**Melissa LaCount**

**Harry Van Meter**

**Others Attending:**

**Frank Nelson, West Pawlet**

**The Board of Listers: Karen Folger, Elaine Decker, Charles Mason**

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Eric called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Item 1: Meeting Agenda**

Eric Mach invited the board of listers to discuss housing stock in West Pawlet and Pawlet.

**Item 2: Minutes of Sept. 25th Meeting**

Frank Nelson gave a guided tour of the housing stock in West Pawlet. Eric Mach made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Wayne Clarke seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Item 3: Public Comments**

Frank Nelson spoke about a heat pump that could be attached to an existing hot water tank in a home for added efficiencies.

**Item 4: Zoning Administrator's report**

Elaine Decker submitted a printed compilation of all the houses in West Pawlet and Pawlet. It included their condition rating, year built, where it exists, house site value (house and 2 acres or less on which it is sited) but not additional acreage.

Eric Mach wanted to get a sense of the housing stock to better understand a direction that the towns might go toward economic development.

Wayne Clarke asked the board's opinion of West Pawlet's health economically. Karen Folger noted that the loss of the town store was a big impact and that without employment opportunities the outlook was somewhat bleak. However, she suggested a focus on tourism, using already existing rail trails and slate history as a draw. She used the Slate Valley Museum as an example. The listers explained how a reducing factor was used on houses in the village of West Pawlet for assessments. This factor is a result of the road running through the middle of town, the houses close together and the slag heaps affecting views.

Elaine Decker said that there were only 7 grievances this last year and none taken to the Board of Civil Authority.

#### **Item 5: Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements**

##### **Item 6. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Sept. 25, 2017 at 7:30 PM. The agenda is: 1) approve agenda 2) approve minutes 3) public comments 4) Eric Mach invited Members of the VT Dept. of Agriculture to discuss economic development and diversifying farm income. 5) Zoning Administrator's report 6) set agenda for next meeting.

Rik Sassa made a motion to let the weary Eric Mach get some sleep and Mark Frost seconded the motion. The motion was revised by Eric Mach to adjourn moved the meeting at 8::55 PM, Wayne Clarke seconded,

meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa