

**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, November, 27th, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Members Attending:

**Gary Baierlein
Mark Frost**

**Eric Mach
Harry Van Meter
Rik Sassa**

Members Absent

Wayne Clarke

Melissa LaCount

Others Attending:

**Frank Nelson, West Pawlet
Hillary Solomon, Poultney/Mettowee conservation district**

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Item 1: Meeting Agenda

No available guest speaker for meeting, meeting agenda to follow normal 6 item course. Harry Van Meter motioned to approve agenda. Mark Frost seconded, motion passed

Item 2: Minutes of Sept. 25th Meeting

Harry Van Meter noted that the next town plan is scheduled for 2023, not 2020 as was stated in Sept. 25th minutes. Correction was approved by Harry Van Meter and seconded by Rik Sassa. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comments

Frank Nelson spoke about Manchester Wood and how it moved to Granville in 1989. They tried to make a move to VT, but the zoning regulations would have taken 2 years. There were other reasons as well. Frank said that It would be difficult for Pawlet or West Pawlet to compete with the red carpet treatment that Granville did offer or could offer in future. He concluded that in light of that previous situation our focus should be on farming incentives rather than Industrial. Frank also spoke about biofuels and how it could connect with economic development in our town. Gary Bairlein observed that any agricultural quality land is already in use, so there would

be no available land to generate biofuel.

Hillary Solomon from the Poultney/Mettawee Conservation District said that they got a grant for all conservation districts and that there is a year to implement any proposed projects. There were some small projects in Pawlet that could be funded.

Item 4: Zoning Administrator's report

Item 5: Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements

The spent some time going over each question on a questionnaire from the last meeting regarding whether a community supports agriculture.

Item 6. Next Meeting

Eric Mach moved to cancel the December planning commission meeting, Mark Frost seconded, motion passed. Next meeting is January, 22nd 2018. Agenda for meeting as follows: Meeting agenda with guest speaker Lyle Jebson, minutes from last meeting, public comments, zoning administrator's report and economic development and improvements.

Harry Van Meter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm, Eric Mach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa