

**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, Sept. 25th, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Members Attending:

**Mark Frost
Melissa LaCount
Eric Mach
Harry Van Meter
Rik Sassa**

Members Absent:

**Wayne Clarke
Gary Baierlein**

Others Attending:

Frank Nelson, West Pawlet

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Item 1: Meeting Agenda

Change to agenda: no speaker. Harry Van Meter made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda; Melissa seconded; motion passed.

Item 2: Minutes of Sept. 25th Meeting

Mistakes in minutes from Sept. 25th meeting. Unrevised minutes mistakenly posted to town web site. Rik Sassa will send corrected version to be posted. Rik motioned to approve changes in minutes. Mark Frost seconded; motion passed.

Item 3: Public Comments

Frank Nelson talked about three vacant houses in West Pawlet. One of the houses is a duplex but due to the lot size it can only be sold as a single dwelling unless it is owner occupied (then there can be an accessory use apartment, Eric Mach clarified). Eric spoke about the lack of jobs in the area which relates to the lack of interest in vacant houses. Frank gave some history about Granville and recent economic decisions for businesses not to locate in VT due to ACT 250. Frank advocated for aggressive energy engineering to attract people to the area.

Item 4: Zoning Administrator's report

Eric Mach issued a permit for a garage for Cecil Edmunds close to Beaver Brook. The state came to look at flood plain area. Ray Wood is also putting up a new garage.

Item 5: Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements

Rik Sassa presented a proposal to make additions to the by-laws regarding vacation rentals. Eric

said that houses were already being used as vacation rentals in town, and that currently there are no by-laws restricting vacation rental use of homes.

Item 6. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Oct. 23rd, 2017. The agenda is: 1) approve agenda 2) approve minutes 3) public comments 4) Zoning Administrator's report 5) economic development and infrastructure improvements 6) set agenda for next meeting.

Harry Van Meter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, Mark Frost seconded, unanimous approval, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa