

**Minutes for Town of Pawlet Planning Commission
Pawlet Town Office
Pawlet, VT
Monday, March 26th, 2018
7:30 p.m.**

Members Attending:

**Wayne Clarke
Gary Baierlein
Mark Frost**

**Eric Mach
Harry Van Meter
Rik Sassa**

Others Attending:

**Frank Nelson, West Pawlet
Jessica Van-rt, Pawlet
Clinton Eirmann, Danby/Pawlet
Judith Eirmann, Danby/Pawlet
Hillary Soloman, Poultney Mettowee Nature Conservation District**

Members Absent

Melissa LaCount

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

Item 1: Meeting Agenda

Guest speaker, Kitt Shaw, from Rutland Regional Planning Commission brought some ortho maps of the town of Pawlet and West Pawlet to help discuss various issues, problems and interests in the area. Eric Mach brought up the issue of sidewalks in town. Frank Nelson noted that some of the sidewalks in Pawlet are buried and many of the ones in West Pawlet are below the level of the road. Gary Baierlein spoke about the Chet Clark road being reopened but Eric said he had spoken to the road commissioner about this already. Wayne Clarke suggested that foot travel in front of businesses was important. Kitt Shaw said the town could apply for a grant for sidewalk revitalization.

Eric noted that the storm drain in the center of Pawlet intersection is sinking. There will be an inspection later this summer. Also, the speed through town (Pawlet), is high because there is no reduced limit. This is connected to the state since it is rt 30 and to lower the limit would involve other factors regarding the town's designation with the state.

Kitt asked what were the main concerns about West Pawlet. Frank Nelson mentioned the number of vacant houses in town. Eric mentioned the user fees for the sewer treatment plant. Gary spoke about the sewer system only being half used. Gary said we need a store in town. There is no central meeting place.

Kitt spoke about a Municipal Roads General Permit to reduce phosphorous impact. The permit would involve drainage, paved vs unpaved roads, crown of road, conveyance of water away from road. Pawlet is one of the towns that an implementation plan is being worked on regarding this permit. The timeline for Pawlet implementation is mid summer. Hillary Solomon commented on the phosphorus levels in Flower Brook and Beaver Brook.

Judith Eirmann spoke about Kelly Hill Rd. and the problems associated with it, some of which are the composition of the material used to maintain the road. Kitt said the state has guidelines for road construction and maintenance, but material composition is not specifically addressed.

Item 2: Minutes of Sept. 25th Meeting

Mark Frost made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Gary Baierlein seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item 3: Public Comments

This meeting's public comments are contained within Item 1: Meeting Agenda

Item 4: Zoning Administrator's report

No report this meeting.

Item 5: Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements

Item 6. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission will be on April, 23rd, 2017 at 7:30 PM. The agenda is: 1) approve agenda (potential guest speaker Lyle Jepson) 2) approve minutes 3) public comments 4) Zoning Administrator's report 5) Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements 6) set agenda for next meeting.

Mark Frost moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm, Wayne Clarke seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa