

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 3, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Mike Beecher
Ed Cleveland

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Frank Nelson
Harry VanMeter
Gary Hadeka
Valerie Davis
John Davis
Eli-Anita Norman
Lucy Norman
Ken Norman
Ray Duquette Sr.
Beth Moser Duquette
David Hosley
Jay Luebke
Dolores Luebke
Eric Mach
David Hosley

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:27 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: Add Mr. Hosley from West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department.
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- A. Motion to accept the Minutes of June 19, 2018 with edits made to Item 7, Section B.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - A. Frank Nelson - Felt that the town should be transparent with property values.
 - B. Ray Duquette Sr. - Inquired as to when the DRB's next meeting will be. Mr. Beecher reported that he has not heard about any upcoming meeting dates but shared that Mr. Mason will alert abutters in writing when date is set. Mr. Duquette Sr. requested to be alerted. Mr. Van Meter inquired as to whether or not an appeal had been filed, Ms. Moser Duquette shared that two have been filed. Mr. Duquette Sr. also inquired about Zoning Administrator position as Mr. Mach retired as of the end of June. Mr. Beecher shared that at this time no one has applied and the search is on for new candidates. The ad for the position is to be run again in the paper. Mr. Van Meter shared that the Planning Commission is responsible for recommending candidates. Currently there are two possible candidates for recommendation, but the Planning Commission is waiting to determine best candidates. At this time, it has been recommended that Mr. Mach stands in as interim until a new candidate has been selected.
 - C. John Davis - Requested and suggested that the Planning Commission be more aware of what decisions are made by the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Van Meter shared that by state regulation, the Zoning Administrator is to report to Planning Commission, even if the same individual shares both Zoning Administrator position and involvement on the Planning Commission.
 - D. Gary Hadeka - Requested that the West Pawlet FD Chief have the opportunity to speak. Mr. Beecher obliged, stating he would be welcomed to the agenda upon his arrival.
 - E. Lucy Norman - Introduced herself and expressed concern regarding the Tactical Shooting Range on Briar Hill/Warren Switch.

- F. Dolores Luebke - Offered to assist in planning retirement shindig for Mr. Mach should that come together.
 - G. David Hosley, Chief of WPVFD - Shared that the consensus of the town is to remove the old fire department, however there is no money in the budget to do so at this time. Inquired as to whether or not there was interest from the town to help in creating a green space with a monument where the old building currently stands. The building is not useful and asbestos testing has been done (came back negative). Overall, the WPVFD is looking for help in removing the building and believes that the space could be used for both additional (necessary) parking and a town green space. Mr. Jones inquired as to whether a slab would be installed or just gravel. Mr. Hosley replied, likely just gravel. Mr. Hosley also stated that the sewer hook-up is also something that would ideally be removed. He inquired about past discussions regarding town beautification in West Pawlet, to which the Board discussed the need for research to be done on this topic. The old building cannot be used as storage as items have been ruined due to moisture. Mr. Hosley asked if Mr. Beecher received a letter from ISO regarding the town's fire rating, to which Mr. Beecher responded that it had been discussed and that Mr. Hosley had brought a better rating to the town. The idea behind a better rating was to help save townspeople money on fire insurance. Mr. Duquette Sr. suggested that Mr. Hosley begin working on a parking design as there is a definite need. Ms. Luebke inquired about new kitchen for fire department and whether or not the building would be expanded. Mr. Hosley stated that there are no intentions to expand, but this would be an internal renovation. Ms. Moser Duquette suggested contacting folks in need of an Eagle Scout project, which could be of benefit when the project progresses to beautification stage. Mr. Mach offered to check in with the Regional Planning Commission regarding possible grants. Stated that a green would be of benefit to the town.
6. Announcements - Zoning Administrator Position has been announced again and interested parties should contact Deb.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report –

- Mr. Van Meter presented on behalf of Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission.
- At this time, the website still states that Mr. Van Meter and Melissa LaCount's appointments are expiring in March 2018. The Board has approved the re-election of both positions. Ms. Powers to write letters to both parties expressing their re-election. Request made to have expiring dates taken down from website.
- Mr. Van Meter also expressed his pledge that motion will be taken regarding item brought up by Mr. Nelson earlier in the meeting.
- Regarding economic development, Mr. Van Meter shared that the pedal would be put to the metal in this area. Mettowee Makers has approached the Planning Commission, who would like the help from the Mettowee Makers to develop economy.
- Mr. Mach joined the meeting at 8:13 and inquired as to the status of the Zoning Administrator position. He accepted the Board's invitation to serve as interim until a new applicant is selected.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Mr. Mason was not present at the meeting.
- Mr. Beecher asked the local citizens present their thoughts on the roadwork. Mr. Van Meter shared that the road had been rough until this afternoon. There is currently gravel down on the road and Mr. Beecher shared that there will be a white sure pack material added to the road.
- Mr. Beecher inquired as to the status of the Rte 153 grant. Ms. Powers to follow up with Mr. Mason regarding the status as the last communication indicated that Mr. Hughes-Muse had given direction based on his involvement with the grant.
- Mr. Jones inquired as to whether or not the group felt dust control has improved. Overall, the feeling was that the dust was better after application of the new solution.

C. Assessor Report:

- No Assessor Report discussed.

D. Emergency Management Director's Report- Reviewed on 7/3/18

- Inquiry made as to how town residents can be added to the VTAlert telephone messaging system. [Addendum: Residents of Pawlet and West Pawlet may contact Mr. Morlino to have their

home telephone number added to the alert list. Please send an email to: robertm850@aol.com].

- E. Public Health Officer's Report- Reviewed on 7/3/18.
- F. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo
 - Re: Ms. Paro's qualm: One of the properties is vacant. The Board stated that the bank should be taking care of the lawn. The Board was unable to get a reason as to why the other lawn(s) are not being taken care of but the issue has been clearly addressed with several of those involved.
 - The Zoning Administrator position advertisement will be run for another week. Interested parties should contact Town Clerk.
- G. Town Treasurer's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Treasurer's memo.
 - Ms. Coolidge has been added to the agenda for 7/17/18 to set the tax rate.
 - The Board signed checks.
 - The Board reviewed the warrants
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: Bob Jones
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
- h. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
 - Mr. Beecher shares that all is moving according to plan.
- 8. Old or unfinished business – None.
- 9. New Business – None.
- 10. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:22 pm
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - Second: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (Unanimous)