

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
August 14, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Frank Nelson
Hal Wilkins
John Davis
Valerie Davis
Paul Tilander
Michelle Tilander
Beth Moser-Duquette
Gary Hadeka
Anne Hadeka
James Dunn
Anne Marie Maiello
Raymond R. Duquette Sr.
Martin Kravitt

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: None
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson

- Hal Wilkins, was introduced to the townspeople by the board as the town's new Zoning Administrator. During that introduction, a request was made by Mr. Wilkins to be on the next meeting's agenda. He shared that office hours will likely be Wednesday or Friday afternoons, but will solidify this information at a later date. Most work will be done from home. Telephone number remains the same as the existing town office line. More details will be provided as Mr. Wilkins settles into his role.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept the Minutes of July 31, 2018 with one correction to item 7, section B.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
 5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - A. Mr. Dunn and Ms. Maiello - Mr. Weeden addressed the letter sent regarding the issue with the dimensions of the garden. Ms. Maiello stated that when the property was purchased, there was a pre-existing garden bed which was only updated upon move-in, not enlarged. Mr. Mason stated that the previous use of the garden bed was for a wood pile which only extended 16 inches from the side of the house. He continued by stating that currently the garden bed compromises the traveled portion of the road. Mr. Jones interjected by stating that the town has a right of way which needs to be honored. Ms. Maiello responded by stating that they have requested a survey in order to come to an understanding of the true lines of the road and the property. In addition, they have pulled in their garden by two feet in an attempt to mitigate the problem. Mr. Mason stated that by state statute the roads were outlined before modern development. Mr. Weeden stated that the Board will contact the Town Attorney to handle the situation legally.
 - B. Mr. Duquette makes a formal request to have the Board speak at a louder volume.
 6. Announcements:

- The Board and Mr. Mason discussed the paving bids submitted during the last Regular Meeting on 7/31/18. (*Bids to be posted publicly*).
 - Motion to accept the bid from Fuller Sand & Gravel Paving for both east and west paving projects.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Accepted

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Mr. Mason shared that the 444 Wheel Loader needs to be brought in for repair.
- Mr. Duquette Jr. is on a list for delivery.
- Sand piles are half up, so Mr. Mason plans to make some additional product.
- Mr. Weeden inquired about the brush trimming project on River Road. Mr. Mason shared that is still ahead.
- Motion made to accept the Town Road and Bridge Standards brought forth by the state of Vermont.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Approved: Unanimous
- Certificate of Compliance of Town Road and Bridge Standards signed by the Board.
- Motion to authorize sending of administrative processing fee of \$240.00 to accompany notice of intent of Stormwater Program.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones

- Discussion: None
 - Approved: Unanimous
- C. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.
- D. Emergency Management Director's Report- Reviewed on 8/14/18.
- E. Public Health Officer's Report- Reviewed on 8/14/18.
- F. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - Mr. Weeden read aloud the email from ANR re: activity of interest to the town.
 - Mr. Weeden read through the Superior Court's Environmental Division Scheduling Order re: Banyai Variance.
 - There was a request from Robin Chesnut-Tangerman to host a campaign event on September 8th from 2:00pm-5:00pm on the Library Green. Questions arose regarding the approved uses of municipal buildings. Ms. Powers to contact Mr. Thrasher regarding approved uses and will report findings with the board.
 - Motion to accept PEG-TV's filming request at Town Select Board Meetings, which may then be distributed to the public in their normal ways.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Mr. Mason acknowledged the missing sign concern and noted they will be addressed.
 - The Board acknowledged the concern regarding the bench in front of McChesneys. Conversations will continue.
- G. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Treasurer's memo.
 - Re: home acquired by the town - The Board shared that the ultimate intention will be to sell the home but further steps need to be taken prior to doing so. Will revisit this subject.
 - Mr. Malcolm shared that tax rates from last five years were collected and are available for public review.

- 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:
- No report at this meeting. Mr. Jones shared his understanding that all was going well at the WWTF.
8. Old or unfinished business – None.
9. New Business –
- The Board signed Brooke Hughes-Muse's request to utilize the Town Hall for Yoga Classes on Saturdays throughout the month of October. Request made to have Mrs. Hughes-Muse submit use payment to Town Clerk.
11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:33pm
- Mover: John Malcolm
 - Second: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (Unanimous)