

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
October 23, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Jay Luebke - PEG-TV
Gary Hadeka
Anne Hadeka
John Davis
Valerie Davis
Ray Duquette Sr.
Lucy Norman
Frank Nelson
Michelle Tilander
Harry Van Meter
Paul Tilander
Ed Valerie
Jackie Valerie
Keith Mason
James Dunn
Anne Marie Maiello
Ken Norman
Judy Coolidge, Treasurer

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items

- a. Additions: Executive Session to continue personnel discussions.
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
 4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept the Minutes of October 9, 2018 with edits made to Items
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
 5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Ray Duquette, Sr. - Thanked Ms. Powers, Assistant to the Select Board, for her service to the Town. Thanks seconded by several other members of the audience.
 - Harry Van Meter - On behalf of the Planning Commission, shared that an item was brought up during the meeting on Monday, 10/22/2018 regarding a noise ordinance. Upon further investigation, Mr. Van Meter found that there is currently no noise ordinance in Town. He also found several outdated ordinances that could use review. The Zoning Administrator has received complaints about noise from slate quarry work and the sounds of fire from automatic rifles. Mr. Beecher responded, stating that research must be complied prior to creating an ordinance, and from there, the group seeking the ordinance must come to the Select Board. Mr. Mason shared that the Town Constable could enforce ordinances. He continued to share that an ordinance could be passed in a special meeting format, being brought to the Select Board, and voted upon through a Public Hearing format. Mr. Van Meter continued to share that the Planning Commission is continuing work on economic development plans. There was a presentation from Anthony Traficanti and Larry Leslie regarding the purchase of Mr. Leslie's larger industrial building in West Pawlet, to be used as a future hemp growing plant. He also plans to fix up other industrial buildings and use them as rentals for potential artist space. Mr. Mach attended the Planning Commission building, and discussed development plans as well. Mr. Malcolm inquired as to whether or not we could add the

Planning Commission's Report to the standard meeting agenda. The Board agreed to add a Planning Commission Report line item to future agendas.

- Frank Nelson - Noted that Village Maps are flexible and may need to be updated as economic development plans evolve.
- Ann Marie Maiello - In response to a letter received from Mr. John Thrasher on behalf of the town, they have decided they will be having surveys done to determine zoning of their property on Cemetery Hill Road. This will determine the true layout of the road. Thus far, they have contacted 10 surveyors, spoke to 5 and received word that 90 days was the quickest timeframe for work to begin.

6. Announcements:

- D. Wood Property sale announcement has been sent out via usual avenues.
- Select Board's meeting with the Library group has been set for 10/30 at the Town Hall.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report:

- Mr. Van Meter shared the Zoning Administrator's Report on behalf of Mr. Wilkins. Several permits have been submitted for structures throughout Town (including Rte 153, Rte 133, Herrick Brook Road, Beaver Brook Road, Briar Hill Road, Maple Grove and Rupert Mtn. Road). A permit has been filed for a property on Briar Hill Road, which cannot be acted upon until items have been settled in Environmental Court. Mr. Van Meter continued to mention a letter from Mr. Thrasher, indicating that Act 250 is allegedly seeking to contact the resident of the aforementioned property to notify them of possible Act 250 violations.
- Ms. Powers inquired with Mr. Van Meter whether or not the resident concerned about slate quarry activity had been contacted. He reported that they had, but he did not have any further information.
- Confirmation was made that the Zoning Administrator must submit approved permits to the Assessors for proper tax filing.

- Mrs. Tilander inquired as to which quarry was in question. The Board shared that it is a pre-existing quarry on Rte 153.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Herrick Brook Culvert will be going in on 10/24/18.
- The Roads Crews will be grading when they have the weather for it.
- Chet McLellan has began crushing gravel at the Town pit.
- Mr. Malcolm inquired as to whether or not the Town could have a side-by-side comparison of different techniques/types of culverts, determining how they compare time and money-wise. Mr. Mason responded, indicating that we could have this comparison, however there are site-specific elements which could make for an odd comparison. Pre-cast footings are quite different than poured concrete. Outside contractors also lead to differences in projects.
- Mr. Beecher inquired as to whether or not we had other culverts that have been washed out that would be eligible for grants (HMGP). Mr. Mason shared that there was one potential option on Hickory Hollow.
- Anne Hadeka inquired as to whether or not their road (Briar Hill/Warren Switch) could be graded. Mr. Mason responded sharing that this will be addressed as quickly as the weather cooperates. Mr. Beecher interjected, sharing that the weather does have a large impact and the Roads Crew has been quite busy with the culvert projects. He continued, sharing that efforts are being made to improve road conditions. Mr. Weeden shared that speed may have a factor on road conditions.
- Mr. Beecher shared that Larry Leslie is still waiting on slate for his driveway.
- Trucks are ready for ongoing use at this time.

C. Assessor Report: No report at this meeting.

D. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Emergency Management Director's Report.

- Congratulations to Bob Morlino and Jay Luebke on their nominations for Emergency Manager of the Year, and to Bob for his awarded certificate as a Vermont Emergency Manager.
- E. Public Health Officer's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Public Health Officer's Report.
- F. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's memo.
 - Re: Town of Pawlet Dept. of Highways Permit - The Board approved this permit, which was signed by the Board and Mr. Mason. Permit was returned to Deb Hawkins' desk.
 - Re: Request from Tyler Hermanson from Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board - Hal Wilkins is the E911 coordinator for the Town of Pawlet.
 - The concern regarding the state of the meeting space was addressed.
- G. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Treasurer's memo.
 - Ms. Coolidge requested to begin budget discussions on 11/6/18. The Board agreed.
 - An email message was received regarding a potential offer on the Wood Property in West Pawlet.
 - The Board granted permission to Ms. Coolidge to contact VLCT regarding a health insurance claim.
 - Conversations continued regarding follow-up of Road's Crew injury.
 - The Board signed checks.
 - The Board reviewed the warrants
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: John Malcolm
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
- H. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- All looks well at the WWTF.
 - Still waiting on a visit from Kinsley Power. Thoughts shared on considering switching generator service providers.
8. Old or unfinished business:

- Mr. Cleveland shared that West Pawlet property tax sale occurred and was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Mason.
- The WPVFD had inquired about removing the old fire department building in town. Mr. Beecher inquired as to whether or not we could landfill concrete buildings. Mr. Mason will look into this. If so, there would be minimal removal of other materials, making for a great visual improvement in West Pawlet. Additional thought was added that the old concrete material from the building could be recycled into gravel.
- The lock has been removed from the gate on Bauer road.
- A lock has been added to the D. Wood property. Mr. Beecher and Mr. Weeden have keys.
- The Class 4 section of Bauer Road could be eligible for grant money.

9. New Business:

- None

10. Motion made to enter Executive Session at 8:25pm to continue discussions regarding personnel information.

- Mover: Ed Cleveland
- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)

11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:10pm.

12. Motion made to adjust the salary of the Assistant to the Select Board.

- Mover: Ed Cleveland
- Second: Chuck Weeden
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)

12. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:18pm

- Mover: Ed Cleveland

- Second: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)