

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
November 20, 2018
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Mike Beecher
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Jay Luebke - PEG-TV
Ray Duquette, Sr.
John Davis, Sr.
Paul Tilander
Michelle Tilander
Nancy Morlino
Anne Hadeka
Gary Hadeka
Ken Norman
Lucy Norman
Harry Van Meter
Robert Morlino
Tom Collard
Steve Taran
Patrick Fennen
Riley Williams
Bob Williams
Ray Hoard
Richard Hill
Richard Rupe

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: Move Budget Conversations to Executive Session, discuss Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy during Old Business.
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept the Minutes of November 6, 2018 with no edits made.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - None.
6. Announcements:
 - The Town Treasurer Position was posted on [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and has received two applications thus far.
 - Assistant to the Select Board plans to participate in a webinar for Town Meeting prep in January, 2019, as well as a possible meeting in Montpelier in February, 2019. The Board offered to cover travel expense if necessary.
7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - Harry Van Meter shared an email received from Zoning Administrator, Hal Wilkins regarding updates in Pawlet.
 - There will be a presentation from the Orton Family Foundation, which will require a projector. Several other presentations, past and future, also have this requirement. A request was made for a projector, to which Mr. Beecher responded with a request for potential cost of necessary equipment.
 - Regarding 541 Briar Hill Road, Mr. Wilkins shared he was advised by Mr. Thrasher to issue a permit. Mr. Wilkins would like to speak with Mr. Thrasher regarding this topic. Further

discussion will be had during the Planning Commission meeting on the third Monday in December.

- Newmont Slate does not appear to be in violation at this time.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Roads Crews are ready for current and upcoming snow storms.
- The Town has secured a salt supply for road maintenance from Apalachee Salt Company (who won the state bid).

C. Planning Commission's Report:

- Mr. Van Meter shared that Gary Baierlein and Melissa LaCount, who cover infrastructure, have invited the Orton Family Foundation to speak at the Planning Commission Meeting on 11/26. He encouraged the Select Board members to attend.
- Mr. Van Meter would like to establish an Economic Development committee, consisting of a few Planning Committee members as well as members from the public. The Board agreed this was a sensible way to proceed.

D. Assessor Report:

- None.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
- John Malcolm read the minutes from the Special Meeting on 11/13/18 to discuss 2020 Budget Information.
 - Motion made to accept the minutes of 11/13 with no edits.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - No discussion therefore the minutes are approved.
- The Board signed checks.
- The Board reviewed the warrants.
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland

3. Second: Chuck Weeden
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- Bob Morlino shared that two marine deep cycle batteries need to be changed in the repeater. Mr. Beecher recommended purchasing them from one of the two parts stores the Town does business with. Mr. Morlino to work with Mr. Mason on this.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Health Officer's Report during the first meeting of the month.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- All looks well and levels have passed at the WWTF.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Slate Quarry Updates:
 - Ms. Powers shared an email from Hal Wilkins with information from DEC wetland scientist, Zapata Courage.
 - Mr. Beecher shared an email from Hal, sharing that there are no apparent site violations at Newmont Slate.
 - Bob Williams from Newmont Slate shared that he has met with Zapata Courage. Newmont Slate also has concerns for the neighborhood, neighbors and environment. Williams shared that they are also Vermonters and are trying to support their business and families. Mr. Bob Williams invited any residents/neighbors to contact him with future questions or concerns.
 - Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Ms. Powers shared the need for a ethics and conflict of interest prohibition by July 2019. The Board will review the model policy provided by VLCT and bring any proposed additions and changes to the next regular meeting.
9. New Business:
- John Malcolm shared that Berkshire Bank is shutting down the Dorset branch by early February. Judy Coolidge met

with several representatives from the bank to help determine what can be done to accommodate the Town's banking needs. There was a suggestion to have a discussion to determine the next best steps for the Town as it relates to banking. Ms. Powers will connect with Mrs. Coolidge on this project.

10. Motion made to enter Executive Session at 7:50pm to continue 2020 Budget conversations which include personnel information.

- Mover: John Malcolm
- Second: Chuck Weeden
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:03pm

12. Motion made to adjust the salary of Perry Brown after favorable reviews.

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (unanimous)

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:06pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- Second: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)