

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
December 4, 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  
Harry Van Meter  
Ray Duquette, Sr.  
John Davis, Sr.  
Val Davis  
Keith Mason  
Lowell Ferguson  
Eve Schaub  
Martin Kravitt  
Janine Weitz  
Michelle Tilander

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:07 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions: None.
  - 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 20, 2018 with two corrections to the attendance list.
    - Mover: Chuck Weeden

- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
- 5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
  - Ray Duquette, Sr - Shared that he met with Mr. Wilkins to have discussions about the Town's Bylaws.
  - Martin Kravitt - Checked in on the status of repairs needed on the Library's front steps. Mr. Cleveland shared that this project is on the docket for the Spring. There is money allocated in the budget for this project. Mr. Kravitt suggested using a product, other than concrete, which will provide tread and longevity. Mr. Cleveland will check in with Meg Campbell regarding design. Discussion ensued regarding potential changes to design as they relate to code requirements.
- 6. Announcements:
  - A Select Board meeting falls on 1/1/19. The Board will instead meet on Wednesday, 1/2/18 at 7:00pm.
- 7. Reports:
  - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
    - The Board reviewed the Zoning Administrator's Report.
    - The Board suggested that the ZA check to confirm the address of the Wood/Waite Farm.
  - B. Road Foreman's Report:
    - Town salt contract is working well. Roads, crew and vehicles are in good shape. There are projects to work on depending on weather. There was a complaint logged regarding drainage in West Pawlet. Plans have been made to begin to address this problem to avoid recurrence throughout the Winter months.
  - C. Planning Commission's Report:
    - Mr. Van Meter shared about the informative presentation from the Orton Family Foundation regarding economic development plans. Wayne Clark and Mark Frost from the Planning Commission will co-chair the economic development committee and Gabe Russo and Lauryn Axelrod will join the committee as community members. They will be meeting separately from the Planning Commission, but will work together on specific

economic development plans. On 12/17, the Planning Commission will be having a pre-meeting with the Library regarding their development plan. The regular Planning Commission meeting following that will involve bylaw revisions.

D. Assessor Report:

- Requested approval for name changes on the 2018 Grand List.
- Motion to sign the Assessor's Errors and Omissions.
  - Mover: Ed Cleveland
  - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)

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.
- Re: John Deere payoff - There was question regarding which John Deere machine was paid off (loader or backhoe). The Board had a discussion with Mr. Mason re: potential future vehicle/tractor/truck purchases for the Town.
- The Board signed checks.
- The Board reviewed the warrants.
  1. Motion to approve the warrants
  2. Mover: John Malcolm
  3. Second: Ed Cleveland
  4. Discussion: None
  5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

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

H. Health Officer's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Health Officer's Report.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- All levels are currently passing. Gary Townsend of Dorset, VT will be servicing the generators.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy. The Board discussed their thoughts on the model policy provided at the last meeting. The Board expressed the desire to have Bob Jones's opinion and wants to speak about the topic again on 12/18/18.
9. New Business:
- The Board is interested to meet with Pete Giese of MHG Solar regarding potential projects. Kristin to relay this message to Mr. Giese.
  - Several Board members discussed assisting Judy in Treasurer interviews on Tuesday, 12/11/18.
10. Motion made to enter Executive Session at 8:04pm 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 9:02pm
12. Motion made to accept the General Fund budget of \$437,005.00.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
13. Motion made to accept the Highway budget of \$494,878.00.
- Mover: John Malcolm
  - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None

- Result: Approved (unanimous)
14. Motion made to accept the Waste Water budget of \$90,610.00.
- Mover: Ed Cleveland
  - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
15. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:10pm
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - Second: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)