

Draft Minutes  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
January 2, 2019  
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  
Eve Schaub  
Robert Morlino  
Nancy Morlino  
Ray Duquette, Sr.  
Michelle Tilander  
Paul Tilander  
Lars Lund  
Jon Weiss  
Fran Powers  
John Davis  
Valerie Davis  
Lucy Norman  
Eli Norman  
Keith Mason  
Martha Schoenemann  
Bob Schoenemann  
John Thrasher

## EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:03 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 December 18, 2018 with additions made to Item 5, bullet 4.
    - Mover: Chuck Weeden
    - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
    - Discussion: No further discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
  - Jon Weiss, Chief of PVFD - Shared that the Fire Department's parking lot has been deteriorating, and there are plans to pave this coming summer. Shared interest in working with the Town to complete paving project by possibly sharing a paving company to complete PVFD paving along with other Town paving projects; clarified that the PVFD is not interested in having the Town pay for their project. Mr. Mason shared that this has been attempted the past but has not always worked for various issues. Mr. Mason continued to state that they would keep this project in mind nonetheless, recommending that it remains separate from the Town's bid (re: potential grants). Given that we did not receive a grant this past year, there is good possibility of receiving one this year, making additional Town paving projects a possibility. Mr. Beecher continued, sharing that working with the PVFD is good to consider, yet will depend on logistics such as mobilization, machine size, etc. Mr. Weiss asked if the Town would like to be informed of which company they wind up working with to possibly be of benefit to other Town projects.
  - Bob Morlino - Shared Emergency Mgt. Director's Report and Health Officer's Report early. See item 7, letters G and H for details.

- Martha Schoenemann - Inquired as to how the Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy can be viewed. Ms. Powers will send the policy to be uploaded to the Town's website for the public's viewing.
- Eve Schaub - Inquired as to if there had been any updates on the Library's project. The Board responded that there had not been. Also inquired about when the cut-off date was to include items on the Town Meeting ballot. Mr. Malcolm responded that the cut-off date for petitions for articles to be included in the ballot is January 17, 2019. Date for Candidate Petitions is January 28, 2019.

6. Announcements:

- Letter received from Library Director, Mary-Lou Willits thanking the Board.
- Mr. Beecher opened several pieces of mail addressed to the Select Board.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Zoning Administrator's End of Year Report.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Mr. Mason shared that one truck needs four new tires along with tire chains. This could be about \$5,000.00 worth of equipment.
- Mr. Weeden asked if the Town was running single or double chains on the tandems. Has heard that duals can cause issues. Mr. Mason shared that the Town usually runs triple chains, meaning a full set. Running them this way encourages higher levels of safety. Chains are being run on the front tires as needed.
- Kristin and Keith have been working together complete Better Roads Grand reimbursement paperwork.
- Mr. Malcolm reminded Mr. Mason that there is a resident on Chet Clark Road, and asked that is kept in mind when sanding roads.

C. Planning Commission's Report:

- None.
- D. Assessor Report:
- None.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
  - Re: Informational Meeting at Mettawee Community School -  
The Board would like to move forward with holding the meeting, requesting that the space be reserved.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
  - The Board signed checks.
    - Re: street light bill, Mr. Malcolm shared that the amount seemed lower than previous years and perhaps this is due to positive changes such as different light bulbs, etc.
  - The Board reviewed the warrants.
    1. Motion to approve the warrants
    2. Mover: Bob Jones
    3. Second: Ed Cleveland
    4. Discussion: None
    5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- Bob Morlino shared the Emergency Mgt. Director's Report.
  - The Town received \$13,899.35 for the Public Assistance Grant (FEMA) for the flooding event of July 1-2, 2017. Another amount will be paid from the State of Vermont by month's end (approx. \$3,000.00). Mr. Morlino and the Board expressed gratitude to all involved to accomplish this.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- Nothing to report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- All levels are currently passing.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- None.

9. New Business:

- Chuck Weeden made contact with Dave Hosley in Manchester, who informed him that he would be taking care of Pawlet's road-side mowing, but may run a touch later than the usual date of July 1st. Also wanted the Board to know that his smaller tractor, usually used for mowing, is now for sale and is located on Rte 7. Mr. Weeden continued to share his recommendation for what type of tractor the Town may want to purchase for mowing purposes.
- Mr. Malcolm followed up re: the listing of the Wood property in West Pawlet. Mr. Weeden will follow up again with two realtors, though has made initial contact with McChesney's.
- Mr. Cleveland shared he had received a quote from LuxBrush for painting to be completed on the exterior of the Town Hall. This portion of the project will be the culmination of the current painting schedule. A potential opportunity for cost savings could be to omit detailed spindle painting work.
- Mr. Weeden announced that he has new contact information should anyone need it.

10. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel information and to discuss ongoing litigation items.

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

11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:15pm.

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

12. After reviewing the current status of the Perhan litigations, the Select Board made a motion to allow the court to proceed in reaching a

ruling. The Town will remain in the litigation process for informational purposes.

- Mover: John Malcolm
  - Second: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)
13. Motion made to establish the Town Treasurer Assistant pay rate until the retirement of the current Town Treasurer.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - Second: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)
14. Motion made to continue paying the Town Treasurer's health insurance through April 30, 2018.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - Second: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)
15. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:28pm
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - Second: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)