

Draft Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
February 26, 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
Jimmy Britt - PEG-TV
Kim Ayers
Ray Duquette, Sr.
Paul Tilander
Michelle Tilander
Eve Schaub
John Davis
Valerie Davis
Julie Mach
Frank Nelson
Judy Coolidge
Gary Hadeka
Keith Mason
Eli Anita Norman
Frank Norman

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Continued Vacation Time Conversation - Executive Session
 - Review & Sign Letter for Julie Mach - Old Business

- Request to extend Mark Frost & Rick Sassa's Terms - Planning Commission's Report
 - Jeff Tornyos' request regarding Anthony Traficanti's Waste - WWTF
- b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
 4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - A. Motion to accept the Minutes of February 12, 2019 with edits made to Item 5, fifth and sixth bullet points.
 - No discussion therefore the minutes are approved (unanimous).
 5. Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Ray Duquette, Sr. - Asked for the Board's support in their request of the Bylaws being honored regarding the collection of fines/ payment for delinquent dues. Also requested that the Board follow up with the Town Attorney regarding a letter discussed at the DRB's executive session on 2/14/19.
 - Eve Schaub - Following up about about last meeting's comment regarding mold/mildew in the duct work in the Library. Mr. Cleveland responded, sharing that it was brought to his attention that this issue existed, and that work was being done to have someone come and assess the problem. Our Library Director is well aware of the issue and Ed is working on leads to remediate the problem.
 - Frank Nelson - Shared that, as per discussion at Planning Commission, the Economic Development sub-group could be discussed at Town Meeting.
 - Gary Hadeka - Inquired about what the plan is for the continued harassment the Board and officials have been receiving from the Briar Hill situation. Mr. Beecher shared that at this time this was not an issue requiring further action by the Board. Additionally, Ms. Powers shared that VLCT council has previously recommended that if a meeting attendee feels personally attacked during any open meeting, law enforcement could be alerted. Mr. Nelson shared with the group that a DRB Meeting Warning has been sent out for

the 28th of March. Discussion continued amongst attendees.

6. Announcements:

- None.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Zoning Administrator's Report.
- Mr. Cleveland invited audience input on opinions regarding the welcoming (or not) of marijuana dispensaries if/when they become legal. Julie Mach shared that this could be of multiple benefits to the Town and its residents via the introduction of greater tax collection, job opportunities, etc. Michelle Tilander seconded her sentiments. Frank Nelson contributed his perspectives to the conversation, highlighting additional details which would require further attention.

B. Road Foreman's Report:

- Mr. Mason shared that the crews have been busy with weather prep and/or weather clean-up. A few equipment repairs have been needed throughout the winter.
- Mr. Weeden inquired about the chipper. Mr. Mason responded, sharing that it has not been used in awhile, yet is ready if and when needed.
- Satisfied sentiments were shared regarding the Town's salt contract.
- Mr. Mason is planning to make an apt. with Chris Taft to follow-up with TA60 forms to fulfill grant requirements. Discussion continued, focusing on the potential for electronic speed detectors in the Town.
- Conversations took place regarding potential spring/summer projects.

C. Planning Commission's Report:

- No report at this meeting.
- Motion made to extend Mark Frost and Rick Sassa's terms until 2022.

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

D. Assessor Report:

- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
- Mr. Jones signed the three Municipal Excess Weight Permits.
- Mr. Beecher asked if Mrs. Coolidge could take a look at the amount on the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal compared to last year's numbers before signing.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
- Re: Overpayment of Wood/Meers property - discussion ensued, with the determination that follow-up communication will take place with John and Kevin to ensure that proper steps are taken with excess funds.
- The Board signed checks.
- The Board reviewed the warrants.
 1. Motion to approve/pay the warrants
 2. Mover: Chuck Weeden
 3. Second: Bob Jones
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- All levels passed during the month of January and all is running smoothly.

- Mr. Beecher will follow-up with Jeff Tornyos and Anthony Traficanti to gather some additional information regarding the request for a letter from the Town approving the waste from the new facility in West Pawlet.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- The Selectmen signed the letter regarding Julie Mach's involvement with multiple Town positions following their review.
- Mr. Beecher signed the forms renewing Eric Mach's roles with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Council.

9. New Business:

- Mr. Mason reminded the Board that after Town Meeting they will need to re-appoint DRB members, all of whom are interested in continuing.

10. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Policy and PTO at 7:50pm.

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

11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decision made at 9:20pm

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (unanimous)

12. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:22pm

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