

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
April 23, 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  
Harry Van Meter  
Frank Nelson  
Martha Schoenemann  
Bob Schoenemann  
John Davis  
Valerie Davis  
Mark W. Miller  
Paul Tilander  
Ken Norman  
Jay Luebke  
Dolores Luebke  
Michelle Tilander  
Tom Collard

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:03 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions: Town Hall Request for Yoga with Brooke Hughes-Muse.
  - b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - Motion made to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 with corrections to item 7 sections C and E.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
    - Discussion: None.
    - Result: Approved (unanimous)
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
  - None.
6. Announcements:
  - Updated agenda format - Public Comment section to take place after New Business on the Agenda. Pre-requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors to take place after approval of minutes from previous meeting. All agenda requests must be submitted through via email to PawletSelectBoard@gmail.com.
7. Reports:
  - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
    - Zoning Administrator, Hal Wilkins, presented a report from the ZA's office to the body.
      - Re: Tarbell Subdivision Land Conveyance - Mr. Weeden will follow-up and be in touch with Mr. Wilkins.
      - Mr. Wilkins Requested signatures from the Selectmen on Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for Anthony Traficanti.
      - Shared about a listen-only hearing being held in Montpelier by Rep. Amy Sheldon on 4/24/19 at 9:00am regarding Act 250 and slate quarry expansion. Discussion ensued.
  - B. Planning Commission's Report:
    - Planning Commission Chairman, Harry Van Meter, presented the Pawlet Planning Commission's Report to the body.
      - The May meeting of the Pawlet Planning Commission will be held on May 20th, as the 4th Monday is Memorial Day.
      - Report included information regarding:

- New 500 kW AC solar generating facility. Discussion ensued regarding whom from the Town level would be responsible for providing a letter of support from the Town and other matters, and if said letter is necessary.
- Act 171 - Forest and Habitat Connectivity. Discussion ensued.
- Pawlet Town Plan Updates.
- Town Infrastructure and Economic Development.
- Community Values and Mapping Project - more on this at the May 20th PC meeting. Community members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- Enhanced Energy Plan.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Mr. Mason, not present at meeting, provided Mr. Beecher with a report including an updated proposed road maintenance plan. Plan included potential work beginning on Herrick Brook Rd. (to be done in conjunction with Rupert), Heatherington Rd., Sawmill Rd., and parts of Chet Clark Rd. this summer. These roads are all central to roads materials. Discussions regarding materials and future year's maintenance plans to be continued next meeting.
- Two town vehicles need repairs.

D. Assessor Report:

- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Office Report.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
- Mr. Jones signed the two Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits.
- Motion made to sign the Liquor License and Outside Consumption Renewal Applications for the Flower Brook Station LLC.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden

- 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
  - Re: VTums - Mr. Beecher spoke with Jill and will report more in WWTF Report section.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
  - The Board signed checks.
  - The Board reviewed the warrants.
    1. Motion to approve the warrants
    2. Mover: Chuck Weeden
    3. Second: Ed Cleveland
    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:
- Mr. Beecher provided an update on WWTF - Keith and Ian are doing a good job of keeping things running. Jill from VTums provided some suggestions for folks who could assist in running the WPWWTF. Mr. Beecher to continue work on determining a more long term staffing solution.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Continued discussion re: Road Maintenance Plan took place during Road Foreman's Report.
  - Re: Proposed solar project - no apparent letter needed based on letter received in February. Discussion ensued. To be continued following additional information to be gathered by Harry Van Meter.
  - Martha Schoenemann presented questions regarding proposed roads maintenance plan and proposed purchase of radar controlled

speed signs, both mentioned in the minutes of 4/9/19. Discussion ensued regarding speed issues and potential fixes in Town.

9. New Business:

- Brooke Hughes-Muse requested use of the Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday mornings between 5/4/19 and 9/28/19 for Yoga classes. The Board approved this use unanimously.
- Re: RRPC and RR Transportation Council - discussion to be continued

10. Public Comment:

- Dolores Leubke provided her thanks to the Board for their contributions to the letter regarding the slate industry and Act 250.
- Michelle Tilander read aloud a letter written to the board requesting the recusal of Planning Commission Vice Chair Eric Mach during any discussion during PC meetings regarding activity at 541 Briar Hill Rd. Mr. Beecher responded, noting concerns, and mentioned that at this point, discussions on this topic take place solely during the DRB meetings. Mrs. Tilander requested a response to her letter in writing for her records.
- Martha Schoenemann inquired as to how public committees are able to have private meetings. Mr. Wilkins provided evidence from the VT Statutes which allow certain topics to be discussed privately (in Executive Session). Discussion continued, with Mr. Wilkins providing insights and further explanations on what executive sessions entail. Mr. Wilkins additionally answered several questions posed by Mrs. Tilander, Mr. Davis and Mr. Van Meter.
- Frank Nelson provided the body with more information from Act 171, and the relationship to future Town Plans. Also brought up wastewater treatment and gray water management opportunities.
- Harry Van Meter addressed parking issues in the Town of Pawlet, especially in front of Mach's Market. Proposed a traffic study to be done and expressed the importance of an improved parking solution.

- Mark Miller posed a few follow-up questions to points made during the meeting on 4/9/19. Kristin to continue to work with Mark and Keith on outstanding roads concerns.
10. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation items at 8:58pm.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
11. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:44pm.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
10. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:45pm
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - Second: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)