

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
May 21, 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
Dolores Luebke
Frank Nelson
Michelle Tilander
Paul Tilander
John Davis
Val Davis
Anne Hadeka
Harry Van Meter
Eve Schaub
Tom Collard

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Mr. Beecher to sign two letters for Planning Commission members.
 - Dept. of Highways Permit from the Mettawee Community School.
 - b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of May 7, 2019 with corrections made to item 7, section B, third bullet.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Mr. Malcolm provided some proposed clarifications to above mentioned item.
 - Result: Motion was withdrawn.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - None.
6. Announcements:
 - None.
7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - Harry Van Meter presented the Board with a written report and summarized items discussed during the Pawlet Planning Commission meeting on 5/20/2019.
 - Discussions continued regarding solar projects discussed in the PPC report.
 - Ms. Hadeka inquired about whom Mr. Wilkins is utilizing for council. Mr. Beecher shared that he has been working with the VLCT for some guidance, adding that Mr. Thrasher is still the Town's Lawyer.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Work on grader is complete and needs to be picked up. Awaiting final bill.
 - Work is being done on Herrick Brook Road.
 - Shoulder work is anticipated to be done on River Road before the first of June.

- A permit was by the Mettawee School submitted to widen their pre-existing access/parking lot. Mr. Mason shared that there is limited possibility of more water being introduced back to the road as a result of these changes.
 - The Board expressed unanimous agreement to sign the permit.
 - Positive progress has been made regarding the closeout of the HMGP grants.
 - Discussions took place regarding the addition of a lift to the Town fleet, which requires further research and conversation.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.
 - Grand List to be lodged by June 4th, and anticipated grievance hearings to take place either June 17th or June 24th.
- 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.
 - The Board signed checks.
 - The Board reviewed the warrants.
 1. Motion to approve 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:
- Mr. Beecher shared that there will be a brief meeting at noon on 5/22/19 to discuss options for staffing with a woman who runs an operating system out of Burlington. If there is any interest in

fulfilling the operator position at the WWTF (7 days per week, approximately 1.5 hours per day), please send a message of interest to pawletselectboard@gmail.com. Opportunity to train the right person.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- The Board had a brief discussion re: road salt.
- The Board supported the Library's request to block off Weatherby for the community potluck prior to the concert on August 24, 2019. The Board requested that Ms. Willits please confirm with the residents (residential and right-of-way) that this will not disrupt any plans or activities.
- Motion made to accept the resignation of Wayne Clarke from the Pawlet Planning Commission.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: The Board thanks Mr. Clarke for his dedication to the Town.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- Motion made to add an alternate position, with a two year term, to the Pawlet Planning Commission.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- Motion made to appoint Wayne Clarke as the alternate to the Pawlet Planning Commission to finish the balance of a two-year term expiring March 2021.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)

- Motion made to appoint Tom Collard to fill the vacant position on the Pawlet Planning Commission expiring March 2020.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - The Board discussed the appointments of the RRTC and RRPC, with a decision made make these appointments during the June 4, 2019 regular meeting.
 - Mr. Cleveland addressed the Library steps project. Ms. Schaub inquired as to how the project is being publicized (for bids), to which the Board responded that it will be sent out to the press.
 - Ms. Schaub inquired about the copy of the plans for the proposed Library renovation currently posted in the Library basement. Discussions continued about the entirety of the Library renovation project.
 - Mr. Beecher shared his failed attempts to make contact with Mr. Thrasher. Discussions continued, evolving to focus on on the assessment/tax rates on properties with non-permitted use taking place.
9. New Business:
- None.
10. Public Comment:
- Paul Tilander compiled and distributed items posted on the Slate Ridge Facebook page, and requested that the Board review address at the next Select Board meeting.
 - Frank Nelson shared a summary of an email sent to the Board members regarding the slate industry.
11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:38pm
- Mover: Bob Jones
 - Second: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None

- Result: Approved (Unanimous)