

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
June 4, 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  
Eric Mach  
Dolores Luebke  
Harry Van Meter  
Valerie Davis  
Anne Hadeka  
John Davis  
Paul Tilander  
Michelle Tilander  
Tom Collard  
Ray Duquette, Sr.  
Frank Nelson  
Ken Norman  
Keith Mason

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:10 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions: None.
  - b. Deletions: Mr. Wilkins will not be providing a report to the Body at this meeting, but rather at the end of the month.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Motion made to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 with corrections made to item 4, 5th bullet and item 8, 26th bullet.
  - Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
  - Eric Mach - Expressed his desire to continue to serve on the Town and Regional levels of the Planning Commission for at least one more year regionally and locally.
- 6. Announcements:
  - Dolores Luebke shared that the West Pawlet Fire Department Women's Auxillary will be hosting a flea market, town-wide tag sale, and chicken BBQ July 6, 2019 from 9-3 at the West Pawlet Fire House.
  - Harry Van Meter shared that the Planning Commission will be engaging an educational session with VT Fish & Wildlife discussing the community values mapping project on July 1, 2019.
- 7. Reports:
  - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
    - No report at this meeting.
  - B. Planning Commission's Report:
    - No report at this meeting.
  - C. Road Foreman's Report:
    - Mr. Mason shared that the grader is back and an excavator is coming.
    - Rock is scheduled to be put down on the Herrick Brook Road around the 18th of June.
    - Cemetery Association has requested to utilize the chipper, and Town crew members will be present to operate the chipper. The Body supported this request.

- Weather pending, shoulder work should be completed this week.
  - Sweeping is complete.
  - Mr. Weeden inquired about the status of a culvert currently being receiving work on Herrick Brook Road, an attempt will be made to fix the dip in the road.
  - Re: bucket truck - contact may need to be made with VLCT regarding insurance, etc. Discussions ensued regarding ideas on how to approach brush cutting.
  - Conversations took place regarding Dave Hosley's roadside mowing schedule, taking place in the next two weeks and again in the Fall. Due to scheduling and staffing, the Town may need to be looking for another mowing service next year.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.
  - The Assessor's Office requested an extension in logging the grand list, which should not impact the taxes going out on time,
    - Motion made for approval for extension on filing the State Department of Taxes.
      - Mover: John Malcolm
      - 2nd: Bob Jones
      - Discussion: this extension should not impact the timeline of distributing 2019 taxes.
      - Result: Approved (unanimous)
  - Mr. Malcolm shared information gathered from the Assessor's Office regarding taxation questions brought up during the meeting on 5/21/19.
- 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: Ed Cleveland
    3. Second: Bob Jones
    4. Discussion: None
    5. Result: Approved (Unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Emergency Management Director's Report.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Health Officer's Report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- There will be a memorial service for Jeff Tornyos at 10:00am on Saturday, June 8th at the West Pawlet Church with a reception to follow at the Fire House.
  - Mr. Beecher shared some information regarding an operating meeting at the WWTF.
  - There has been local interest expressed in the WWTF Operator role. A job description will need to be formulated and posted for continued opportunity for applicants.
  - All levels are performing fine.
8. Motion made to enter Executive Session with Paul and Michelle Tilander and Ray Duquette (1 V.S.A. § 313(b)) at 8:08pm to discuss a personnel/grievance issue.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Mr. Weeden, Mr. Jones and Mr. Cleveland voted in favor of entering executive session and Mr. Malcolm opposed. 3-1 the motion passed.
9. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no discussions made at 8:28pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
10. Old or unfinished business:
- Appointments for RRTC and RRBC.
  - Motion made to appoint Tom Collard as the Regular Commissioner to the RRBC and RRTC.
    - Mover: Ed Cleveland
    - 2nd: Bob Jones
    - Discussion: Several members of the public body offered ideas and opinions to the selectmen following the outcome of the vote.
    - Result: Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Jones voted in favor and Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Weeden opposed. Mr. Beecher opposed, therefore the motion was rejected.
  - Motion made to appoint Eric Mach as the Regular Commissioner for RRBC and RRTC.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Weeden voted in favor, and Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Jones opposed. Mr. Beecher voted in favor, therefore the motion was approved.
  - Motion made to appoint Tom Collard as the Alternate Commissioner for RRBC and RRTC.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2nd: Bob Jones
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved (unanimous)

- Mr. Cleveland discussed the invitation to bid on the Library steps project with the Board.
11. New Business:
- Dolores Luebke shared documents from the Slate Ridge website, requesting that they be shared amongst the Board and Dave Ricard. She asked that these items be reviewed and reflected upon.
12. Public Comment:
- Frank Nelson shared:
    - Many local farmers will be growing hemp, the public should be made aware of the fact that these crops are not marijuana.
    - Information regarding a battery backup device available from Green Mountain Power.
    - Inquired about any information available regarding changing sewage fees in the next year or so, to which Mr. Beecher responded that this could be a possibility depending on staffing and other operating costs of the WWTF.
13. Motion made to enter Executive Session with Hal Wilkins and Harry Van Meter to discuss pending or probable civil litigation items.
- Mover: Ed Cleveland
  - 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
14. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:13pm with no decisions made.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
15. Motion made to enter Executive Session with Ashley Waite and his attorney to discuss pending or probable civil litigation at 9:14pm.

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
16. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 9:44pm.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
17. Motion made seek alternate legal council from Woolmington, Campbell, Bent & Stasny P.C. for the purpose of dealing with pending and probable civil litigation.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
18. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:53pm
- Mover: John Malcolm
  - Second: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)