

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 2, 2019
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones
Mike Beecher
Chuck Weeden
John Malcolm

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Jay Luebke - PEG-TV
Dolores Luebke
Tom Collard
Harry Van Meter
Frank Nelson
Ashley Waite
Keith Mason
Eve Schaub

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: VLCT Town Road & Bridge Standards Adoption Form.
Grants in Aid Intent Form.
 - b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019 as printed.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.

- Result: Approved (unanimous)
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:
 - Mr. Van Meter submitted and read aloud a report of the Pawlet Planning Commission to the Body.
 - The first community values mapping project public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm, possibly at the Mettowee Community School (official location TBD).
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Work is nearing completion on Herrick Brook Road, and will head west from there. Conversations continued regarding future road work.
 - The Board unanimously agreed to sign the intent to participate in the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program. [submitted via email 7-3-2019]
 - Questions were raised regarding the future/potential backfill of the quarry as well as regarding the Town's future energy plans. Discussions ensued.
 - The Board unanimously agreed to sign the VLCT Town Road & Bridge Standards form. [submitted via email 7-3-2019]
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No formal report, however Mr. Malcolm relayed updates on the status of the grievance process, and tax bills are anticipated to be on time.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - No formal report at this meeting.
 - Mr. Malcolm relayed comments from Mr. Cleveland who could not be present at this evening's meeting.

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)
- Motion made to continue with Blue Flame Gas' fixed rate contract, authorizing Julie Mach to sign the contracts.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: Ms. Mach arrived at a slightly reduced rate than originally provided during the meeting at 6/18/19 following discussions with Blue Flame.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- Discussion ensued regarding the Nortrax check for the ongoing grader repair.

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:

- Mr. Beecher shared conversations he has had with different operating agencies regarding potential operators. Anticipated proposal at the meeting on 7/16/19.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Discussions took place regarding potential plans to address current state of the old store location in West Pawlet.

9. New Business:

- Mr. Jones shared information regarding large animals running at large, causing damage to a neighboring property.
- Motion made to keep the animals impounded until proper guidance is provided from the VLCT on the matter.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden

- 2nd: Bob Jones
- Discussion: Conversations ensued, and contact is to be made with the VLCT as soon as possible.
- Result: Approved (unanimous)

10. Public Comment:

- Mrs. Luebke spoke to the warning for a Board of Abatement Meeting on 7/16/19 regarding taxation of 541 Briar Hill Road. She inquired as to whether or not there had been a site visit of the property. Ms. Mach clarified that this meeting is to address the 2018 tax season.
- Ms. Schaub inquired about money spent thus far on the library renovation project and requested that the topic and opportunity for Q&A be added to the pre-requested appearances section of the next SB meeting.
- Mr. Collard spoke to the Rutland Regional Transportation Council meeting, which included focus on the desire to promote the Rutland Airport. The Board unanimously supported Tom's suggestion to contact Ms. Gibson regarding the addition of a blurb on the Town's website encouraging the use of the airport.
- Conversation took place regarding ongoing litigation re: Waite/Perham.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:05pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- Second: Chuck Weeden
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)