

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 30, 2019
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Bob Jones – recorded the meeting minutes (later transcribed by Kristin Powers)

Mike Beecher – arrived at 7:40pm and took over as Chair.

Ed Cleveland

Chuck Weeden

John Malcolm – chaired meeting until 7:40pm.

Others in Attendance:

Jay Luebke - PEG-TV

Dolores Luebke

Robert Morlino

Frank Nelson

Nancy Blanchard

Danny Snyder

Ron Morse

Keith Mason

Harry Van Meter

Rick Browe

Eve Schaub

Julie Mach

Larry Leslie

Ashley Waite

Tom Collard

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: None
 - b. Deletions: None
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Motion made to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019 with edits made to item 7, section A.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Rick Browe – Presented photos supporting concerns to the Board regarding conditions of access to fields off Herrick Brook Road, which has resulted in expensive tire damage. He requested the access be restored in a timely matter. The Board, along with Mr. Mason, agreed to have this fixed.
- 6. Announcements:
 - None.
- 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - Mr. Van Meter provided a verbal and written report to the Body.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Mr. Mason shared the grader is repaired.
 - The Roads Crew is on course with the slating and graveling of roads as planned.
 - Discussion ensued regarding winter road maintenance and sourcing/quality of road sand. Mr. Mason to look into pricing for other materials aside from what is currently in use.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - Discussion ensued regarding town-wide parking concerns.
- **Note:** Mr. Beecher arrived at 7:40pm and Chaired the remainder of the meeting. During this time, Mr. Mason shared that the Town will need to extend the excavator rental. Brief discussion also took place

regarding WWTF operation plans. The road sand conversation also was revisited.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
- The Board unanimously agreed to re-sign the tax rate document from the meeting on 7/16/19 following a correction made.
- The Board signed checks.
- The Board reviewed the warrants.
 1. Motion to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: Chuck Weeden
 4. Discussion: Mr. Beecher shared that Nortrax agreed to deduct \$2000.00 from the bill for the grader repair.
 5. Result: Approved (unanimous)
- Ms. Mach shared with the Board the anticipated Waste Water usage fees. Discussion ensued.
- Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the proposal from VTUMS for a one-year contract starting August 18, 2019 for \$4500.00 per month.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (4-1 – Mr. Weeden, Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Jones in favor and Mr. Cleveland opposed).
- Tax bills to be sent out July 31, 2019.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Mr. Morlino verbally reviewed the EMD's report for July with the Body. No review necessary during first meeting of August.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- Mr. Morlino verbally reviewed the Health Officer's report. No review necessary during the first meeting of August.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- Mr. Mason shared that all is well at the WWTF and levels are good.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Conversations continued regarding the Library front steps project.
- Motion made to accept the bid submitted by Ashley Waite as written.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: None
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: No second, therefore the motion does not carry.
- Mr. Beecher asked Mr. Van Meter, who has professional experience in the field, if he would look over the specs and bids on the Library steps project to see how we could best proceed.
- Ashley Waite inquired about the status of the Waite/Perham situation, to which Mr. Beecher shared the legal timeline and requirements.

9. New Business:

- Dolores Luebke inquired as to whether or not there has been a site visit to 541 Briar Hill Rd. The Town is proceeding with standard protocol regarding these matters.
- Harry Van Meter shared that Rick Sassa will be stepping down from his role of clerk for the Planning Commission. Mr. Beecher recommended Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Gibson post this opening in the appropriate channels.

10. Public Comment:

- Dolores Luebke inquired as to whether or not there was any more information regarding the incident at the West Pawlet Monument.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:00pm

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