

Draft Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 10, 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
Keith Mason
Kim Ayers
Julie Mach
Don DiChiara
Monica Kravitt
Bob Schoenemann
Martha Schoenemann
Martin Kravitt
Barry Minerthe
John Davis
Valerie Davis
Anne Hadeka
Paul Tilander
Eve Schaub
Hillary Solomon
Frank Nelson
Joshua Gaschel
Tom Collard
Nancy Morlino

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: Hillary Solomon and Monica Kravitt added to Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
 - b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019 with edits made to number 7, item C, second main bullet.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Kim Ayers, Delinquent Tax Collector – Shared list of tax sales: J. Butler, L&B Hersam, T. Lewis, G. Lewis/M. Lewis/E. Lewis/C. Hosley. There will be a tax sale on the 3rd of October, 2019 at 10:00am at the Town Hall.
 - Motion made for Ed Cleveland to be present at the tax sales in the interest of obtaining properties for the Town.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Hillary Solomon, Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District – Shared a 15-year project plan for improved drainage at the Pawlet Community Church on VT Rte. 133. Though the Church and the PMNRCD are responsible for this project, the request was made that the Town be added as a signatory so that the Town could aid in the monitoring of this project through periodic inspections. Following discussion, this subject to be revisited.

- Monica Kravitt – Shared with the Board the book, Those Turbulent Sons of Freedom by Christopher S. Wren, which tells the story of the presence and importance of militia-men in Pawlet during the American Revolution. She went on to share that there is a plaque related to this near the old schoolhouse, which they would like to move to the Town green. The Board supported the Historical Society pursuing options for movement and placement options.
6. Announcements: Bob Morlino of Pawlet has been named Emergency Management Director of the year!
 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - The Board reviewed the ZA's report.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - The Board Reviewed the Planning Commission's Report.
 - Motion made to support the Planning Commission in participating in the FY20 Municipal Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant by signing the aforementioned grant form.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Mr. Mason reported that the Town is set up for, and currently hauling with Jointa Galusha and all is going well there. There is anticipation of completing scheduled summer road work. Culvert projects will be completed prior to the return of the rental excavator.
 - Discussions continued regarding winter sand and future project plans.
 - Re: Saw Mill Road – Mr. Mason met with Walt and they will be working together to ensure a balance is found.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - The consensus of the Board was to sign the agreement from CAI, updating the GIS Services Agreement for ProVal software.
 - 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 made to approve the warrants
 2. Mover: Ed Cleveland
 3. Second: Bob Jones
 4. Discussion: None.
 5. Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Discussion ensued regarding Wastewater Fees.
 - Motion made to set the Wastewater User's Fee at \$763.86 per user, providing the option for four billing cycles at \$191.00 per bill.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Conversation ensued regarding the WWTF savings account and best management practices.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- The Board reviewed the E.M.D.'s Report.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- The Board reviewed the H.O.'s Report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility: [Discussed after Road Foreman's Report]
- Mr. Beecher shared that VTUMS is working hard to better the facility within the means of the Town.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Library Front Steps Project:
 - Memos from Harry Van Meter and Martin Kravitt were read aloud providing insights and suggestions to the project process.
 - Mr. Kravitt provided the Board with their requested sample of the tread stone.

- Discussion ensued regarding project options including: putting the project back to bid, pursuing the original bid with Wright construction (revisited by Mr. Cleveland), or to wait until the Spring to pursue all options.
 - Mr. Cleveland posed the motion to have Wright Construction complete the project, to which there were no seconds, therefore the motion did not carry.
 - Mr. Beecher presented the motion to have the project thoroughly considered through the winter, pursuing the completion of the project in the spring.
 - Mr. Jones seconded this motion.
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (Mr. Jones, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Weeden in favor. Mr. Cleveland opposed).
 - Mr. Cleveland shared that he would be stepping away as Liason of buildings.
- John Thrasher shared with Mr. Beecher that it may be in the Town's best interest at this time to seek alternate legal council.
 - Motion made to accept John Thrasher's resignation.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: Conversations to be initiated with Woolmington, Bent and Campbell re: assuming the position of Town Attorney.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)

9. New Business:

- Motion made to sign the Second-Class Liquor and Tobacco license for Mach's Market.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- The Select Board computer has been backed up.

10. Public Comment:

- Don DiChiara – Followed up several points from previous meetings, providing further suggestions and ideas towards efficiency.

- Josh Gaschel – Inquired as to whether or not the tax maps have been updated. Ms. Mach spoke to this, sharing that necessary upgrades to the software in control of the tax maps are in the works, and that tax maps do not have any impact on tax delinquency.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:32pm

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- Second: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)