

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
August 13, 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
Harry Van Meter
Frank Nelson
Don DiChiara
Mike Wesko
Tom Collard
Val Davis
John Davis
Ashley Waite
Ron Morse
Keith Mason

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions: Request for Executive Session from Mr. Van Meter.
Don DiChiara pre-requested appearance. Town Hall Yoga – change of scheduling. External storage options for Select Board Assistant computer.
 - 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 30, 2019, adding Tom Collard to the list of attendees.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Don DiChiara – Provided the Body with research conducted, comparing funds obtained from the Better Roads Grants program by Danby, Rupert and Pawlet. Discussion ensued regarding Pawlet’s methodology behind utilizing grant funds. [**Addendum:** upon revisiting the conversation with Mr. Mason later in the meeting, he reminded the Board that the Town had applied for Better Roads Grants over the past two years, and had been denied for understandable reasons, thus allowing the Town the opportunity to complete other grant-funded projects. These additional grants came from programs such as FEMA, HMGP and GIA. Mr. Mason and Ms. Powers will continue to work together to ensure the Town is both aware and taking advantage of all available grant opportunities.]
- 6. Announcements:
 - None.
- 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator’s Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - Mr. Van Meter initiated a discussion focusing on the potential hire of an assistant/liasion to the Zoning Administrator. The Board unanimously supported the decision to have Mr. Van Meter pursue contact with Ed Bove of the Rutland Regional Planning Comission, as well as Town officials to advertise this position.
 - B. Planning Commission’s Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman’s Report:
 - Mr. Mason shared that work is currently taking place in Rupert.

- Provided a maintenance update on the Dodge, which led to discussions regarding future equipment plans.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the grader repair and corresponding bill.
 - Ron Morse requested that the grade at the end of his driveway be repaired. The Roads Crew plans to complete work on Herrick Brook Road, which includes the repair of driveway grades.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed both reports from the Assessor's Office.
- 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: Chuck Weeden
 4. Discussion: Curiosity as to where the \$2000.00 credit from Nortrax is. Would like to ensure this is deducted prior to the issuance of the check.
 5. Result: Approved (unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- No report at this meeting – July reports reviewed during meeting on 7/30/2019
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- No report at this meeting – July reports reviewed during meeting on 7/30/2019.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- VTums takes over at the WWTF on Monday, 8/19/19. Mr. Mason may need to be a liaison as transition takes place.
- Ashley Waite inquired about the status on the Waite/Perham item.

8. Motion made to enter Executive Session to for **arbitration/mediation regarding contracts containing** premature general public knowledge pertaining to the Library Steps project at 8:15pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (unanimous)

9. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:37pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (unanimous)

10. Motion made to rebid the Library Steps project, working with Mr. Van Meter to fine tune the request for proposal.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: Included timeline of and logistics.
- Result: 2-2 (Mr. Jones and Mr. Malcolm in favor, Mr. Weeden and Mr. Cleveland opposed) Mr. Beecher voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- None

9. New Business:

- Brooke Hughes-Muse requested a refund of \$45.00 paid for Town Hall Auditorium rental due to the fact that she will not be continuing yoga for the remainder of the summer months. The Board supported this request and asked that Ms. Mach issue the refund to Brooke.
- Ms. Powers requested approval to move forward with purchasing an external file storage system to back up the Select Board Assistant computer. The Board supported this request upon budget discussion with Ms. Mach.

10. Public Comment:

- Mr. Nelson shared findings from a meeting attended.
- Mr. Beecher shared an update with the Board regarding the status of items currently in small claims court.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:06pm

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- Second: Ed Cleveland

- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)