

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
October 8, 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
Dolores Luebke
Harry Van Meter
Katrina Tyler
John Davis
Paul Tilander
Frank Nelson
Michelle Tilander
Cameron Perham
Ray Duquette, Sr.
Eve Schaub
Nancy Morlino
Robert Morlino
Martin & Monica Kravitt
Keith Mason

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:08 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Discussion of ZA Office Needs
 - Letter from Beth Moser-Duquette re: Monument Movement

- b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
 4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019 with edits made to spelling of names on the attendance list.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors.
 - Katrina Tyler, West Pawlet – Reiterated the ongoing drainage issues since paving on Rte. 153. This has led to unprecedented amounts of water impacting buildings. Mr. Weeden reported that the Road Foreman is working to assess and address the situation. Mr. Nelson seconded, sharing that there are several portions of road where the sidewalks are below the road level.
 6. Announcements:
 - Please pay attention to the way in which the folding chairs are stacked following meetings. See photo in the front corner of the Town Offices for preferred stacking method.
 - There will be a copy of “Some of the Select Board’s Responsibilities”, taken for the Handbook for Select Boards, available in the Town Hall for public review.
 - A letter was received from the Young at Heart Senior Center in Poultney requesting a donation to go towards food costs.
 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator’s Report:
 - The Board discussed that Jonas Rosenthal has accepted the position of Interim Zoning Administrator.
 - Motion made to hire Jonas Rosenthal as Pawlet’s Interim Zoning Administrator.
 - Mover : Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd : Bob Jones

- Discussion : Mr. Rosenthal will be compensated at the same rate as Mr. Wilkins.
 - Result : Approved (unanimous)
 - Re : ZA Office Computer.
 - Motion made to authorize the purchase of up to \$1000.00 for a computer for the Zoning Administrator Office which is suitable for the needs of the position.
 - Mover : Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd : Bob Jones
 - Discussion : Mr. Rosenthal to work with John Freed to determine the best machine for his needs.
 - Result : Approved (unanimous)
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- The Board reviewed the PC Report provided by Harry Van Meter.
 - Motion made to hire Tammy Ross as the Clerk/Secretary for the Pawlet Planning Commission, effective immediately.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Mr. Van Meter to discuss possible compensation with Ms. Mach.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Mr. Mason shared a report of current activity taking place with the Roads Crew.
 - Currently working on prep for winter (grading and sand gathering).
 - Reported many issues with drainage and water runoff in West Pawlet following assessment. Discussion ensued regarding the specific issues with drainage at Egg Street. Keith will meet with Katrina to talk about possible resolutions that the Town can aid in.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.

- The Board signed the Errors and Omissions re: PTTR #2019-09, affecting parcels 0153-3406 and 0153-3307.100.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - Re: light in the elevator machine room – John will check on this.
- 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: Bob Jones
 3. Second: Ed Cleveland
 4. Discussion: None.
 5. Result: Approved (unanimous)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- The Board reviewed the EMD's Report.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- The Board Reviewed the Health Officer's Report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- Mr. Beecher shared that all is status quo at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Some forms are in need of completion for electronic completion. There were high E.coli numbers last month, which was a result of the time of pumping.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Consider Bardwell Historical Marker: The Board reviewed the proposed wording and Mr. Mason reviewed the site.
 - Motion made to approve the proposed historic marker wording on behalf of the Town.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: Ms. Powers will send this update along to Ms. Boyce.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
 - Mr. Cleveland addressed the proposed Library renovations, specifically the work to be done in the back of the building. Mr.

Malcolm is serving as liaison with the Library Board, and this will be discussed.

- Waite/Perham Item: At this time, this situation is currently beyond the hands of the Select Board. The DRB is looking to schedule a hearing (anticipated warning to come within the week), as the Environmental Court has sent this item back to the DRB due to procedural issues.
- 541 Briar Hill: Discussions ensued regarding the status of the legal processes of this matter.
- Mr. Malcolm shared about his representation of the Town at the Tax Sale. The Hersham property was bid upon by the Town, however the property owners have a year to tend to this item.

9. New Business:

- Dolores Luebke – Provided an article to the Board in regard to the details of the Carbon Tax.
- Letter from Beth Moser-Duquette in regard to the movement of the monument by the old schoolhouse. (Request made by the Board to have posted to the minutes for review - see below).
 - Dolores Luebke added she disagreed with the movement of the monument.

10. Public Comment:

- Dolores Luebke shared that she feels Julie Mach is doing a wonderful job. Her sentiments were seconded by Michelle Tilander and others.
- Frank Nelson shared that the animals at large laws/procedures may be addressed this year on a State level.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:19pm

- Mover: Ed Cleveland
- Second: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved (Unanimous)

Letter from Beth Moser-Duquette to the Select Board:

Dear Select Board Members.

After the last SB Meeting, I can't help but think what a waste of our tax payer money to listen to Monica Kravitt go on and on about a monument that was placed 100 years ago at the North Pawlet School House. The more we got to thinking about this the more I got to thinking, there needs to be more research into this. As in, why was it placed there in the beginning? apparently after a little bit of research myself there was supposedly a passing through of our forefathers during the time of the fight in that proximity. I admit I am not a historian of this sad monument however, I would think it would go along with the history that goes along our Stone Valley ByWay. I would think this was to draw more attention to our tourists. By leaving the monument in its place along with other monuments along the Byway. Couldn't this be more of a draw for our tourists?

First of all, how many times is that historic school open? Second of all, how many people do you see try to park there to see the monument? Furthermore, why do we have to have all the monuments placed down in Pawlet in the supposed center when we are trying to draw traffic all over the map of Pawlet/West Pawlet. If we are going to become an entity of tourism you need to have it fair on both ends of the town.

For example Consider Bardwell putting up a plaque in honor of the original owner of the cheese factory is not only a commemoration and a plus but it's a respectful gesture and it's being placed in its proper location. To move a monument and waste number one tax dollars, and or a grant to waste the time on moving said "monument" further, I believe a bit more research should technically go into this. Have you ever heard of geocaching? geocaching is a thing that families, children, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and several people who hiked trails do this adventure. It is on a GPS location site. Research needs to go into this making sure this monument is not part of that.

Another suggestion would be making a map of all our monuments and having the maps at the School, the Library and the Townhall where people can pick it up and check out the local history. Personally I think our town has enough to do and worry about moving a monument at this stage of the game? To continue to cluster up the Town green and to give more confusion to what is already there.

Addendum from Beth Moser-Duquette:

...please note, writing that last email without my glasses was not a good idea LOL. But what I'm trying to say is why move history we already made history when it came to that monument why would we move a monument when that is not part of the history.

I hope this makes sense you may attach it to the other email.