

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
November 5, 2019  
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall  
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
John Malcolm  
Ed Cleveland  
Chuck Weeden

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers  
Jay Luebke - PEG-TV  
Dolores Luebke  
Keith Mason  
Julie Mach  
Frank Nelson  
Val Davis  
John Davis  
Tom Collard  
Jonas Rosenthal

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions: Status of Parking Problems in Pawlet
  - b. Deletions: Monument Discussion.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - Motion made to approve the minutes of October 22, 2019 as printed.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
    - Discussion: None.

- Result: Approved (unanimous)
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors: None.
  6. Announcements:
    - The Mettawee School District is looking for a Pawlet resident interested in being appointed to the board. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to the BRSU at [info@brsu.org](mailto:info@brsu.org) by 5pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. You can also mail a letter of interest to: Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, 6378 VT Route 7A, Sunderland, VT 05250.
  7. Reports:
    - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
      - No formal report, however the Board acknowledged and reminded the Body of the DRB meeting to be held on Thursday 11/7.
      - Addendum : At 8 :05pm, Town's interim ZA, Jonas Rosenthal, joined the meeting and shared information regarding happenings in the ZA office.
    - B. Planning Commission's Report:
      - Mr. Van Meter shared a report from the Planning Commission.
      - The final community values mapping project meeting will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall on Thursday 11/14 at 7:00pm.
      - The December PPC meeting will be moved to a week earlier due to the holidays.
    - C. Road Foreman's Report:
      - Mr. Mason shared a report of current activity taking place with the Roads Crew.
        - The Crew is currently preparing for winter and needs a decision made on winter sand. Discussion ensued regarding three possible sand vendors.
          - Motion made to obtain winter sand from Stanley Martell in Wells for \$10.00/yard loaded into the Town trucks.
            - Mover: Chuck Weeden
            - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
            - Discussion: The need to discuss next winter's sand/stone earlier in the year was acknowledged.
            - Result: Approved (unanimous)

- The Grader needs attention due to a leak.
  - Discussion took place regarding the dumpster obtained for Green Up Day. Mr. Beecher to look into disposal options.
- D. Assessor Report:
  - The Board reviewed the Report from the Assessor's Office.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
  - The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
  - Ms. Powers read aloud an anonymous letter submitted to the Select Board regarding 541 Briar Hill Road.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
  - The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
  - Re: Budget process – The Board will be warning a special meeting with Ms. Mach to discuss budget.
  - 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: 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:
  - Ms. Powers shared a message from Jill Marsano from VTUMS stating that she submitted the W. Pawlet Phosphorus Optimization Plan with the help of Elizabeth Walker of Vermont Rural Water.
  - Mr. Beecher shared a report from Ms. Marsano.
- 8. Old or unfinished business:
  - Re: Town of Pawlet Parking Issues – No new information on the subject at this time. Discussion ensued regarding opportunities to reduce speed throughout town.

- Mr. Weeden inquired a bit more about complaints about the new Waste Water Fees.
  - Re: Town of Pawlet Personnel Policy – Ms. Powers shared findings following review of the personnel policy. Also shared the purpose of a personnel policy. More to be discussed.
9. New Business:
- Re: Opioid Litigation – The Board decided to abstain from opting out of this negotiation class lawsuit.
  - Re: School Choice Proclamation – Added to Old Business of next meeting (11/18) agenda.
10. Public Comment:
- Dolores Luebke shared information gathered from a meeting attended re: stormwater runoff.
11. Mr. Beecher made the motion made to enter executive session to discuss labor agreements with employees at 9:06pm.
12. Motion made to exit executive session with no decisions made at 9:39.
- Mover: John Malcolm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
13. Motion made to authorize Ms. Mach to adjust Mr. Decker's vacation hours to accurately reflect earned hours upon discovering a numerical computer error.
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved (unanimous)
12. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:44pm
- Mover: Ed Cleveland
  - Second: Chuck Weeden
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved (Unanimous)