

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
January 14, 2020
7:00 pm at Pawlet Town Hall
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Bob Jones
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden

Others in Attendance:

Jimmy Britt – PEG-TV
Diane Mach
Deb Hawkins
Frank Nelson
Bill Meyer
Deb Hawkins
Julie Mach
Ray Duquette, Sr.
Keith Mason
Frank Nelson
Mandy Hulett

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:08 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Julie Mach – Fundraiser Tickets for Town Hall Auditorium Lighting
 - Ray Duquette – To Discuss Road Posting
 - Additional clarification provided re: Library Project warnings.
 - b. Deletions: None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Motion made to approve the minutes of December 30, 2019 as printed.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
 - Julie Mach – Shared information re: a movie screening at the Mettowee School and a fundraiser for the Town Hall auditorium lighting.
 - Ray Duquette – Asked about posting the Switch Rd. and Briar Hill Rd. to keep extra traffic off in an effort to preserve road conditions.
- 6. Announcements: None.
- 7. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees at 7:17pm.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 8. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 7:54pm.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Result: Approved (unanimous)
- 9. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Re: Mr. Duquette's request – Mr. Mason is very optimistic about the ability to post the roads.
 - Discussion ensued on using crushed slate to tend to our back roads.

- Discussion took place re: budgeting for roads materials, class three road maintenance strategies, and overall 2020 budget with no formal decisions made
 - Mr. Weeden confirmed that Mr. Hosley will be mowing our roadsides this coming year.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed the Assessor's Report.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo.
 - Deb requested that the Board approve switching the time of the informational meeting on March 2, 2020 (pre Town Meeting) to 7:00pm rather than 7:30pm. The Board unanimously approved this request.
 - Deb reserved the Mettowee School Auditorium and provided drafts of articles thus far. Drafts to be approved by meeting on 1/28/2020.
 - The Board unanimously approved and signed the Select Board's Report for the Town Report.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - Discussion ensued regarding wage adjustments for the upcoming year.
 - 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)
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- No report discussed at this meeting. To be discussed during next regularly scheduled meeting.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- No report discussed at this meeting. To be discussed during next regularly scheduled meeting.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- Mr. Beecher reported that he will be meeting with the operations folks regarding cost of operating the WWTF.
10. Old or unfinished business:
- Continuing budget discussions, Mr. Beecher stated that the Town will establish retirement savings opportunities for qualified Town employees.
 - Bill Meyer provided a handout regarding the Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD). Shared how happy Rupert is with possible options, and that Shaftsbury and Pownal may get on board with this project soon. Discussions to be continued regarding whether or not the Town of Pawlet would like to join.
 - Re: Communication with Wade Masure of PACIF/Loss Control regarding damage to a vehicle parked outside of the Library due to snow – the Town has implemented cone barriers to block off parking areas which may be impacted by inclement weather/snowfall.
11. New Business:
- Mr. Beecher reported discussions taking place with our Town Attorney re: how to properly handle paperwork coming from the Superior Court in Rutland.
 - Mr. Cleveland inquired about the status of the Library front steps repair, in context of the proposed renovation.
 - Mr. Beecher continues to work on the requirements for the Town to take custody of the landfill.
12. Public Comment:
- Frank Nelson suggested pursuing the option of obtaining bonds for all of the Town's major projects to allow for the work to be completed quicker with payments being made over time.
13. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:38pm
- Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - Second: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved (Unanimous)