

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 14, 2020
7:00 pm Virtually via Zoom
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Chuck Weeden
Ed Cleveland
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Harry Van Meter
Julie Mach
Frank Nelson
Tom Collard
Deb Hawkins

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Item from Cindy Legg re: Sewer.
 - Update on Website and e-news position.
 - Countryside Alarm quote.
 - b. Deletions:
 - None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020 as printed.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: John Malcolm

- Discussion: The date of the minutes needed correction.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Bob Jones, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
- None.
6. Announcements:
- There was a bill passed, effective July 1, 2020, stating that riding of ATVs on all public roadways is now illegal, except if designated by the Town. Helmets and valid Trail Access Decals (TAD) and insurance cards are required beyond one's own land, and the farming exemption no longer exists on public highway.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
- The Board reviewed a report submitted by ZA, Jonas Rosenthal.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- No official report, however Harry Van Meter shared an updated from the PPC.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Road Foreman, Keith Mason, reviewed a report from the Town Highway Dept. with the Board.
 - Mr. Jones shared a situation pertaining to Town roads with the Board. No official outcome.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's memo.
 - Motion made to mandate the wearing of a mask/face covering over the nose and mouth while in all Town buildings throughout the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Chuck Weeden
 - Discussion: When the Board feels the threat of the illness is no longer present, the motion may be rescinded.
 - Result: Ed Cleveland, Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's Report.
 - Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Some portion of Nortrax payment not to be paid.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
 - The State has issued Education tax rates. Non-Homestead is \$1.5312 and Homestead is \$1.3872.
 - Discussion began regarding Wastewater rates, with the conversation to be continued at the next meeting upon gathering more information.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Emergency Management Director's Report.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- The Board reviewed the Health Officer's Report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- Chairman Beecher shared an update from the WWTF.
 - Motion made to approve the purchase of the replacement chart recorder.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, Bob Jones, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
 - The Board discussed the situation at Ms. Legg's property. More information is needed, but a Board member will follow up with Ms. Legg once we have more details.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- The Board continued to discuss the proper route to take regarding the website and e-newsletter position. Discussion to be continued upon further information gathered.
 - The Board discussed a quote from Countryside Alarms regarding security measures around Town buildings. To be

discussed at the next meeting upon gathering some further information.

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- Kristin Powers shared that Gov. Scott has extended the VT State of Emergency to August 15, 2020.
- Frank Nelson shared a comment from W. Pawlet community members regarding a dip in the road by Spruce Gum. Mike Beecher shared that this is being addressed.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:42 pm

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- Second: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Ed Cleveland - in favor. Approved (Unanimous)