

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 8, 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
John Sabotka
John Noerr
Rhonda Schlangen
Jessica Van Oort
Frank Nelson
Jennifer Sullivan
Keith Mason
Julie Mach

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm by chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - None.
 - b. Deletions:
 - None.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020 as printed.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland

- Discussion: None.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
- None.
6. Announcements:
- None.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
- The Board reviewed the updated list of permits from ZA
 - The Board supported ZA's request for the DRB to utilize the Selectboard's Zoom account for an upcoming meeting.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- No report at this meeting.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the vacant term position on the PPC, which evolved into a brief discussion of town practices for appointments.
 - Motion made to appoint Jessica Van Oort to fill Pawlet Planning Commission vacancy, with a term expiring March 2021.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Road Foreman, Keith Mason, reviewed a report from the Town Highway Dept. with the Board.
 - Discussion took place regarding purchasing additional equipment for the Town Highway Department.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
 - The Board reviewed the Errors and Omissions Report provided by Karen Folger.
 - Motion made to accept the Errors and Omissions Report.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None

- Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Accepted (unanimous).
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's memo.
 - The Town Clerk's office is working diligently to keep voters informed as to what to expect as we approach the general election.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's memo.
 - Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: This approval includes the Nortrax bill.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved (unanimous).
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
 - The Board reviewed the EMD's report.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
 - The Board reviewed the HO's report.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
 - Mike Beecher shared an update from the WWTF.
- 8. Old or unfinished business:
 - Re: available town positions, the Web Coordinator position was posted last week and so far has received one interested applicant. The Board members agreed and decided to keep the position posted for another meeting cycle to allow ample time for applications to be submitted by interested parties.
 - The Selectboard continues to brainstorm improvements to the Library steps.
 - John Malcolm provided an update following a conversation with Town Attorney, Merrell Bent, regarding the property the Town is anticipating taking ownership of following the one-year anniversary of the tax sale acquisition.
 - Mr. Weeden spoke to an ongoing issue with traffic in West Pawlet following a message sent to the Board.

- Conversations continued regarding the speeding discussions in West Pawlet, which took place over the past two meetings. John Malcolm spoke to evolving conversations with the Transportation Advisory Group and RRPC.

9. New Business:

- Julie Mach spoke to the importance of consciously considering equal representation in Town appointments.

10. Public Comment:

- Ed Cleveland offered a personal statement responding to several messages submitted to the Board regarding recent appointments.
- Jennifer Sullivan thanked Ms. Mach for her comments.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:41 ` pm

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