

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
October 6, 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  
Jessica Van Oort  
John Sabotka  
Deb Hawkins  
Frank Nelson

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm by chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
  - a. Additions:
    - Trash Pump for WWTF - TBD during WWTF Report
    - Energy Coordinator – TBD during New Business
  - 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 22, 2020 with one edit made to item 7, section C, third bullet point.
    - Mover: Chuck Weeden
    - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
    - Discussion: None.

- Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
    - None.
  6. Announcements:
    - None.
  7. Reports:
    - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
      - No report at this meeting.
    - B. Planning Commission's Report:
      - Jessica Van Oort, shared a report from the PPC. The commissioners elected Jessica Van Oort as Chairperson and elected John Sabotka as Vice-Chair. Language of the by-laws will continue to be worked on. She also discussed the ongoing pursuit for the Clerk position for the Planning Commission position.
    - C. Road Foreman's Report:
      - The board reviewed a report from the Town Highway Dept.
      - Mr. Weeden addressed the rubbish that remains on Bull Frog Hollow – this will be relayed to the road crew.
    - D. Assessor Report:
      - No report at this meeting, however John Malcolm announced an Abatement Hearing on Tuesday, 10/13/2020 at 6:45pm. He continued to share several additional updates from Assessor's office.
    - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
      - Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk's office.
    - F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
      - The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's memo.
      - The Board discussed elevator maintenance options.
      - Motion made to approve the warrants.
        - Mover: Ed Cleveland
        - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Weeden
        - Discussion: None.

- 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 report from the Health Officer.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- Mike Beecher shared an update from the WWTF, including the need for a new trash pump at the facility to improve sludge pumping capabilities.
    - Motion made to approve the purchase of the trash pump for the WWTF.
      - Mover: Bob Jones
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
      - Discussion: approximate cost is \$2000.00
      - Result: John Malcolm, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved (unanimous)
  - Conversations took place regarding the RFQ, which has been sent out, for the WWTF Sludge Storage Feasibility project.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- The Board continued to discuss speed concerns in West Pawlet, touching upon when the speed problems are more prevalent.
  - The Board discussed an update of Town positions.
    - Motion made to nominate Mike Beecher and John Malcolm work with Kristin Powers to pursue communications with Web Coordinator Applicants.
      - Mover: Chuck Weeden
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
      - Discussion: None
      - Result: John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Chuck Weeden, Bob Jones – in favor. Result (approved).
  - The Board discussed the Town's acquisition of 3554 VT Rte 153, and their plans moving forward with managing the property.
9. New Business:

- The Town Energy Coordinator position is open and is to be advertised on the Town Website. The Zoning Administrator position also needs to be revisited.
- Brief discussion ensued regarding ongoing activity on Briar Hill Road.

10. Public Comment:

- None.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:19pm

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