

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
October 20, 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
Sally Achey
John Sabotka
Tom Collard
Frank Nelson
Keith Mason
Ryan Baker
John Noerr
Ken Norman
Deb Hawkins
Ryan Baker
Lewis Canfield

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm by chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Sally Achey – Pre-Requested Appearances
 - Letter from the Library Board – New Business
 - Request from resident – New Business
 - Web Coordinator Position update – Old/Unfinished Business
 - Elevator Service Contract – Old/Unfinished 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 October 6, 2020 as printed.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
 - Sally Achey visited the meeting as a candidate for the House of Representatives for the Rutland-Bennington district. She continued to share her background, and welcomed meeting attendees to share comments and concerns. Discussion ensued.
 6. Announcements:
 - None.
 7. 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:
 - The board reviewed a report from the Town Highway Dept., including the completion of the winter sand pile, progression of fall grading as weather allows. Upcoming work includes:
 - continuation of grading as well as ditch cleaning in preparation for winter maintenance.
 - Winter salt prices have also come in at \$68.60/ton from Apalachee.
 - Conversation also ensued regarding refuse in the roadways/roadside culverts, which led to transfer station options as well acknowledgement the Town's membership with the Solid Waste Alliance Coalition.
 - Mr. Mason also discussed the opportunity to complete grant-funded roadwork in the spring.

- Motion made to accept the offer from the Better Roads Program for the Herrick Brook Road project.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Ensued regarding signature process
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- Motion made submit the letter if intent for the Grants in Aid program, due October 30, 2020.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: Mike Beecher to sign in favor of the Board.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk's office. Some discussion ensued regarding items include in the Town Clerk's memo.
 - Motion made to pursue the new mailing machine from Northeast Mailing, the SendPro C Auto, for \$125.32/month.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

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: None.

- Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved.
 - The Board reviewed the questions and answers from the VLCT's Financial Controls Checklist. Questions and conversation to be continued with Ms. Mach.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
- Mike Beecher shared an update from the WWTF.
 - The SOQs received regarding the WWTF Sludge Storage feasibility RFQ's will be discussed further at the next meeting.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- John Malcolm shared updates from the available elevator maintenance companies.
 - Mike Beecher shared a brief update regarding the Town's newly acquired property in West Pawlet.
 - Chuck Weeden updated the Board regarding an ongoing zoning issue. The Board to follow up with Town Attorney, Merrill Bent, and Interim Zoning Administrator, Jonas Rosenthal, on this issue.
 - John Malcolm and Kristin Powers shared that there has been an ongoing productive search for the Web Coordinator position.
9. New Business:
- Regarding an interest from a local resident wishing to purchase slate from the Town - Ms. Powers to correspond regarding the Town's policy on this topic.
 - The Board reviewed and discussed a message received from the Library Board regarding plans for improved safety measures for the Library building
10. Public Comment:
- Ryan Baker inquired about the property owned by the town in West Pawlet. Mr. Beecher shared that the Town is still navigating this acquisition. Discussion ensued.
 - John Noerr inquired about the possibility of any future cell towers to be installed in Pawlet or West Pawlet.
11. Motion made to Adjourn at 9:03pm

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