

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
November 3, 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 Noerr
Frank Nelson
Jessica Van Oort
Mike Wesko
John Sabotka
Fred Stone

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm by chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Mike Wesko, Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
 - 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 20, 2020 with a correction to item 5.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 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:
 - Mike Wesko – Spoke to the board regarding town roads, specifically observations regarding ways in which town roads are utilized and maintained. Continued on to make a public records request verbally – will submit a written request as well.
 6. Announcements:
 - None.
 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - PPC Chairwoman, Jessica Van Oort shared an update following last week's Planning Commission meeting. Please view the Pawlet Planning Commission meeting minutes for full recap.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - The board reviewed a report from the Town Highway Department.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's memo.
 - Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved.
 - 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.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Re: Speed concerns in West Pawlet – Chairman Beecher has been in communications with Constable Ricard regarding ongoing speed concerns in WP. Constable Ricard has been making a presence in Town and no recent concerns have been reported.
 - Town Building Winter Maintenance – The Board continues to consider options for winter safety measures for Town buildings.
 - Ms. Powers requested that the board approve the advertisement of the Energy Coordinator position.
 - Motion made to advertise the Energy Coordinator position on the Town Website.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
 - Mr. Weeden confirmed with the Board that the Town now owns a property on rte. 153 via tax sale. Some conversation of next steps ensued.
9. New Business:
- None.
10. Public Comment:
- Frank Nelson shared about an email from the Secretary of State's office regarding electronic public records.
 - John Noerr inquired about the permitting process, specifically about the information that goes out to abutting property owners.
11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements, specifically employee wage information at 7:48pm.
- Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: Ms. Powers informed meeting attendees not on the selectboard that they would be placed into the meeting waiting room for the duration of executive session discussions, and would be readmitted into the meeting upon completion.

- Result: Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones, John Malcolm. In Favor. Approved.

12. Motion made to exit executive session with no decisions made at 8:00pm

- Mover: John Malcolm
- 2nd: Ed Cleveland
- Discussion: five remaining non-board member attendees in the waiting room were readmitted to the virtual meeting.
- Result: John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden – in favor. Approved.

13. Motion made to move forward with discussions with preferred candidate on the Web Coordinator Position.

- Mover: Chuck Weeden
- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:03pm

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