

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
November 17, 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  
Frank Nelson  
Rhonda Schlangen  
John Sabotka  
Keith Mason  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Deb Hawkins  
Mike Wesko  
Ray Duquette  
Dave Hosley

**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 – Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens/Visitors
    - WP Speed Concerns, cont'd. – input from neighbors – Old/Unfinished Business
    - Town Hall Roof Leak – New Business
    - Monument Letter of Support – New Business
    - State of VT Broadband Survey – New Business
    - Quarry Question – 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 November 3, 2020 as printed.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
    - Discussion: None.
    - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcom, Ed Cleveland – in favor.  
Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
  - Mike Wesko – Inquired about the Selectboard’s response to a complaint made regarding oversize vehicle travel. He continued to inquire about more specific projects, potentially related to misuse of roads, as well as included additional items on a public records request.
6. Announcements:
  - The Energy Coordinator position has been formally posted on the Town website ([pawlet.vt.gov/](http://pawlet.vt.gov/)). Please send letters of interest to [pawletselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:pawletselectboard@gmail.com).
  - Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of more detailed memo information in the minutes. For specific questions regarding memos, residents are welcome to contact department heads directly.
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:
    - Road Foreman, Keith Mason, shared an update.
      - Ongoing winter preparation, primarily including ditch cleaning and equipment maintenance.
      - Discussion ensued regarding several recent warrants pertaining to the Roads Crew.
  - D. Assessor Report:
    - No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided the Board with an update from the Town Clerk's office.
  - Following the most recent executive order from the Governor, the Town Hall will move ahead with appointment only visits and modified in-person hours.
  - Town Meeting is the next election on the horizon and needs to continue to be discussed.
  - Real estate transactions have continued to be high, meaning increased demand for records held in the Town Clerk's office.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- The Board reviewed the Town Treasurer's memo.
  - The Town received a supplement from the State of VT in lieu of the Better Back Roads Grant.
  - The Town received a COVID Election Grant.
  - Tax payments are required to be mailed or dropped off at the secured Town Hall drop box due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. Receipts will be mailed. Cash payers MUST schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance.
  - A special meeting will be warned for Thursday 11/19/20 for the Selectboard to discuss budgets.
  - Motion made to approve the warrants.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
    - Discussion: None.
    - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Emergency Mgt. Director's Report.
  - Updates continue to be posted regarding COVID-19.
  - The LEGER Grant was submitted for COVID-19 costs.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- The Board reviewed the Health Officer's Report.

- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
  - Mike Beecher shared an update from the WWTF.
8. Old or unfinished business:
  - The board responded to a letter submitted by two West Pawlet residents regarding ongoing observations of speed and traffic. Conversation ensued regarding proactive steps to take moving forward.
  - There is an ongoing leak in the Town Hall roof. Progress has been made towards a remedy, however Selectboard assistance may be requested.
  - Following a thorough search yielding several qualified applicants, the Town will be welcoming a new Web Coordinator.
  - Discussions ensued regarding several ongoing items, including zoning and the town's recent property tax sale acquisition.
9. New Business:
  - The Board reviewed the request for the letter of support from the State of VT Division for Historic Preservation in regards to a monument to be placed on the town green recounting Pawlet's contribution to the 1777 activities of the American Revolution.
    - Further discussions to be had amongst the Pawlett Historical Society.
  - The Board received a request for skating on the town-owned quarries in West Pawlet.
    - Motion made to establish a no recreation policy at all town-owned quarries.
      - Mover: Chuck Weeden
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cleveland
      - Discussion: Signage needs to be created and posted.
      - Result: John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Chuck Weeden, Bob Jones – in favor.
10. Public Comment:
  - Tom Collard shared with the Board that the Town will be receiving a recently applied for pedestrian grant. More information to come.
  - Frank Nelson spoke further to the importance of considering safety while recreating.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:41pm

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