

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
January 12, 2021
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
Eileen Bellavia
Frank Bellavia
Frank Nelson
Julie Mach
Deb Hawkins
Irwin Goldberg
John Sabotka
Tom Collard
Jessica Van Oort
Jonas Rosenthal
Fred Stone

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:
 - Mike Wesko – Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
 - Mailbox Policy – New Business.
 - Banner Project – New Business.
 - VTrans Engineering Study Request Letter – 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 December 29, 2020 as printed.
 - Mover: Chuck Weeden
 - 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:
 - Mike Wesko – Inquired about the conditional use permit as well as overweight vehicle travel in question during previous meeting discussions. Continued to inquire about miscellaneous activity on Kelly Hill Rd, as well as affiliated road maintenance.
 6. Announcements:
 - Ms. Powers reminded the Board that the SB Report is due for contribution to the Town Report on 1/19/21.
 - Sean Ruck has taken over the management of the Town Website and e-news. Thank you to Elizabeth Gibson for her devoted years of service to the Town and for keeping Pawlet so well-informed.
 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - Jonas Rosenthal began to provide a report, however experienced technical difficulties.
 - Mr. Rosenthal called in to deliver the ZA report.
 - One new subdivision, and a permit amendment to be discussed via DRB hearing scheduled for 1/18/21 at 7 :00pm
 - A request was made for the Selectboard to sign and return a letter regarding the VTrans Engineering study. John Malcolm will sign and return the letter to Devon Neary of the RRPC.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - No Report at this meeting.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- No Report at this meeting

D. Assessor Report:

- The Board reviewed the report from the Assessor's Office.
 - Pawlet received the State Equalization Study Report, and the 2020 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 105.84, and the 2020 Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 16.43.
 - The final Grant List has been sent to Property Valuation and Review.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report from the Town Clerk's Office.
 - Discussion ensued in regards to whether or not this year's Town Meeting would take place remotely.
 - Motion made to host the 2021 Town Meeting remotely.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the Town Facebook page.
 - Motion made to establish the Town Facebook page as a resource only, not permanent record.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: continued regarding the reasoning behind the Town's Facebook page.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Ed Cleveland, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
 - There are two highway permits that need signature by Bob Jones.
 - Consent of Candidate forms are due by the 25th of January, 2021, and are to be turned in to the Town Clerk's office. Voter signatures are not required this year to request a name to appear on the ballot.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- Town Treasurer, Julie Mach, reviewed her report with the Board, including a summary of payroll, accounts payable and monies from the general fund, highway and wastewater.
- Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland – in favor. Approved.
- Mr. Malcolm, with information provided by Ms. Mach, shared his findings upon conducting research on elevator outfits. More information to be collected.
- Second installment taxes are coming in. Reminder: appointments must be made 24 hours in advance if a cash payment is to be made.

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:

- The Board reviewed and updated from Jill Marsano of VTUMS. Brief discussion ensued regarding budget needs.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- John Malcolm and Mike Beecher to work together to complete the necessary paperwork for the VTrans (discussed earlier in the meeting as well).
- Re: Considerations for Enhanced ATV Regulations – further discussion ensued regarding the previously approved Town ATV route. Opportunity for public comment on the subject was provided.
 - Fred Stone offered insights from the West Rutland ATV Club.
 - A copy of ordinances may be found via the Town Clerk's office.

- Any observations of ATV violations may be reported to the Game Warden.
 - The Selectboard requested that the Roads Crew move forward with the posting of signage at town-owned quarries indicating that recreation of any kind, at any point during the year, is prohibited. This request is the result of a motion made at a previous meeting.
- 9. New Business:
 - Deb Hawkins spoke to the possibility of a Town mailbox policy to ensure that there are steps in place for damaged mailboxes due to miscellaneous events. To be added to next meeting agenda.
 - Mr. Beecher spoke briefly about a banner project honoring veterans, which will be continued next meeting.
 - Conversation ensued regarding strategies for a successful and smooth first ever virtual Town Meeting.
- 10. Public Comment:
 - Jessica Van Oort suggested identifying a designated tech support individual for Town Meeting.
- 11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:28pm
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - Second: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Ed Cleveland - in favor. Approved (Unanimous)