

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
February 23, 2021
7:00 pm Virtually via Zoom
Regular Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Ed Cleveland
Bob Jones
Chuck Weeden

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Frank Nelson
Jim Sheldon
Nancy Morlino
Jessica Van Oort
John Sabotka
Tom Collard
Maureen Brown
Harry Van Meter
Colin Stabile
Fred Stone
Rich Hulett
Keith Mason
Julie Mach
Jennifer Sullivan
Ken Norman
Ray Duquette, Sr.

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items
 - a. Additions:
 - Jim Sheldon – Appearances by local citizens and visitors.

- Organizational Meeting Warning – 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 February 9, 2021, as presented.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Ed Cleveland
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, Ed Cleveland, John Malcom, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
 - Jim Sheldon – Presented to the Selectboard his plan to put on a snow cross event, with proceeds to be donated to the Pawlet and West Pawlet Volunteer Fire Departments, at his property the weekend of March 13 and 14, 2021.
 - Conversation ensued regarding permitting that may or may not be required for an event of this nature. The Board recommended that Mr. Sheldon speak with ZA, Jonas Rosenthal as decisions on events of this nature may not be in the Selectboard’s purview.
- 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 a report from the Planning Commission.
 - The commission voted to approve a slightly-edited version of the Unified Bylaws.
 - This will shepherd the full approval process for the Town to be listed as a 10-acre town for Act 250 purposes.
 - The PPC is working on minor edits to the Enhanced Energy Plan.

- Conversation ensued regarding other items which may be up for consideration by the PPC.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Road Foreman, Keith Mason, reviewed a brief update with the Board:
 - The crew has been busy tending to the winter roads for the better part of the past 2.5 weeks.
 - Conversation arose regarding the proper undercoating treatment for the new truck.
- D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting. Please see the Assessor's Report within the Town Report for a thorough update from the Assessor's Office.
 - Reminder: Please be sure to submit your homestead declaration before April 15th.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk's office.
 - Motion made to sign in favor of the three liquor licenses for Rubber Boot Farm, Inc. (The Barn Restaurant), Mach's Market LLC. and Sheldon's Market.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Ed Cleveland, Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- F. Town Treasurer's Memo:
 - The Board reviewed a memo from the Treasurer's office, including an overview of payroll, accounts payable, monies from the General Fund, Highway and Wastewater.
 - The third installment of wastewater taxes are due 3/10/2021.
 - Motion made to transfer \$2,000.00 from the savings account to the money market account to cover expenses.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None

- Result: Ed Cleveland, Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
 - Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: Ed Cleveland
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: A brief discussion took place to confirm dates of invoices.
 - Result: Chuck Weeden, John Malcolm, Bob Jones, 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:
- Mr. Beecher shared a brief update on the WWTF, focusing on next steps towards facility improvements.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Mr. Beecher addressed the property on Rte. 153 which is now owned by the Town. The eviction process initiated on this property is nearing completion.
 - Mr. Duquette inquired about the Waite/Perham case, which is still in the hands of the DRB, and awaiting a final decision. There is a DRB deliberative session on 2/24/21.
9. New Business:
- Ms. Powers to establish an agenda and warning for the Selectboard Organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.
10. Public Comment:
- Mr. Weeden acknowledged his final meeting serving the Town as a member of the Selectboard, offered his best wishes to the Town and Board members. He indicated that Ed Cleveland, Rich Hulett and John Malcolm have his support for the upcoming election. The Board extended their thanks to Mr. Weeden for his service.
 - Ms. Mach reminded the meeting attendees that 2/24/21 is the School Board's informational meeting via Zoom.

- Ray Duquette shared that there has been an article published in the New York Times regarding Slate Ridge and the Town of Pawlet and West Pawlet.
- Frank Nelson shared that the PPC is rolling along smoothly under the guidance of Jessica Van Oort. Frank continued to share that the Commission welcomes any and all community participation and engagement.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:21pm

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