

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 21, 2021
7:00 pm
Pawlet Town Hall
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Bob Jones
Rich Hulett
Jessica Van Oort

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG-TV
Martha Shoenemann
Mike Wesko
Mike Robinson
Nancy Morlino
Bob Schoenemann
Keith Mason
Rhonda Schlangen
Deb Hawkins
Harley Cudney
Don Dichiara
Frank Nelson
Julie Mach
Jonas Rosenthal

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introduction of those present by chairperson.
4. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
 - a. Additions:

- Executive Session to discuss Employee Labor Relations Agreements.
- b. Deletions:
 - Agenda item titled, “Zoning Violations, cont’d. discussion”, should have been titled, “Zoning Items, cont’d discussion”. This topic is removed from the agenda due to it being discussed during the Zoning Administrator’s Report section of the agenda.
- 5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- 7. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
 - None.
- 8. Announcements:
 - None.
- 9. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator’s Report:
 - No report at this meeting, however Interim ZA, Jonas Rosenthal, has been working on several items/inquiries coming to his office, and has been keeping the Selectboard updated throughout his processes.
 - Mr. Rosenthal virtually shared an update with the Board regarding the Zoning items brought forward by Mr. Wesko at previous meetings. Mr. Wesko replied to several items from the report, posing questions to the Board. Discussion ensued. Presently, it is not within the scope of a VT Selectboard’s responsibilities to make decisions on this item, however the Board continued to advise on the state/town mandated processes.
 - B. Planning Commission’s (PPC) Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman’s Report:

- No report at this meeting, however Mr. Hulett shared an update from the Town Highway Dept.:
 - Stone has been spread and efforts are being made on widening a turnaround for plow truck this winter. All winter sand has been put up and roadside mowing is anticipated to begin soon.
 - The Board discussed a storm drain project in West Pawlet, as well as a proposed timeline and funding.
 - The Board acknowledged that the team will not be able to complete the Grants in Aid project by the established deadline.
 - The Board discussed the tractor attachment brought to their attention by the Road crew.
 - Motion made to purchase the blower from HP Fairfield.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:
 - There is a Vermont Clerks & Treasurer's Association annual meeting taking place this week.
 - The Clerk will be seeking information from the state level regarding appropriations and Town Meeting 2022.
 - The community feedback survey regarding ARPA funding is set to be mailed soon.

F. Town Treasurer's Memo:

- Town Treasurer, Julie Mach, shared a memo with the Board, including: an overview of payroll, accounts payable, monies from the General Fund, Highway, Wastewater.
- Tax collection went well and a report on the numbers will be included in next meeting's memo.
- Motion made to approve the warrants.
 - Mover: John Malcolm

- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: 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:
- The Board reviewed a report of the WWTF for August 2021 from Jill Marsano.
 - Vermont Utility Management Services (VTUMS) is seeking additional help at the WWTF. If anyone is interested in working for an hour each day of the weekend (Saturday & Sunday) at the WWTF, please contact Ms. Powers at pawletselectboard@gmail.com.
10. Old or unfinished business:
- Ms. Van Oort shared some updates regarding grant opportunities, which have been previously discussed by the Board.
11. New Business:
- Ms. Hawkins shared a concern from a resident.
12. Public Comment:
- Mr. Beecher shared a message addressed to the Board from Ms. Judy Coolidge, sharing that she is not in support of an additional monument being placed on the Town green in Pawlet Village.
 - Martha Schoenemann shared a letter with each Board member in regards to the topic of additional monuments on the Town green.
 - Frank Nelson shared his input on the Town green monument item.
13. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss Employee Labor Relations Agreements at 8:18pm.
- Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.

14. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made 8:29pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:30 pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- Second: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.