

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
February 8, 2022
7:00 pm
Pawlet Town Hall
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Jessica Van Oort
Bob Jones

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG-TV
Harley Cudney
Monica Kravitt
Martin Kravitt
Chuck Weeden
Jennifer Sullivan
Frank Nelson
Harry Van Meter
Deb Hawkins

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 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: None
 - b. Deletions: None
5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2nd: John Malcolm
 - 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.
 - B. Planning Commission's (PPC) Report:
 - No report at this meeting
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Nothing from the Road Foreman to report at this meeting.
 - Mr. Malcolm shared he attended the recent Mutual Aid meeting, and reported there were no proposed changes.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - Lisa Wright electronically shared a report with the Board.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, electronically shared a report with the Board.
 - Motion made to sign the liquor license for Sheldon's Market.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.
 - Following a question regarding anticipated mail delays, Deb offered the reminder that the secure dropbox outside of the Town Hall is a viable option for submitting mail-in ballots.
 - 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.
 - Motion made to approve Payroll warrant #22048 for \$9,292.26 the Accounts Payable Warrant #22049 for \$27,966.29.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort

- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.
- Motion made to authorize Ms. Mach to work with the State of VT to remedy an overpayment.
 - Move: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- Taxes are due by close of business (4pm) on Thursday, 2/10/2022. Payments received after that time will be considered delinquent.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
 - Mr. Morlino shared that he attended two virtual Vermont State Covid telephone conference calls.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
 - Mr. Beecher shared an update with the Board, focusing on approaches towards some repairs needed.
 - Ms. Marsano of VTUMS shared an electronic update with the Board.
 - Ms. Van Oort shared that she, Mr. Beecher and Ms. Marsano met with John Kiernan, of RCAP, who assists municipalities interested in attaining funding for miscellaneous projects.
- 10. Old or unfinished business:
 - Motion made to sign the certificate – no appeal or suit pending following the lodging of the grand list by the Assessor's Office.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Mr. Beecher shared that the Town is still awaiting the completion of the survey for the Town-owned property.

- Ms. Van Oort shared that herself and Bob Jones will be meeting with two representatives from the Library to continue conversations re: necessary repairs.
- Ms. Van Oort shared that the West Pawlet Municipal Planning Grant Committee will be meeting via zoom (warning to follow) to begin conversations on their initiatives.

11. New Business:

- None.

12. Public Comment:

- Monica Kravitt thanked Board for all of their efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Kravitt requested clarification on the process of approving the Town Meeting ballot. They continued to raise several questions regarding previous minutes, procedures and policies.
- Chuck Weeden inquired about an apparent settle in the road near the bridge on Rte. 153. Mr. Beecher spoke to quarry activity that often leads to changes in the road. The Town continues to monitor this situation.

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:03pm

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