

SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET

March 8, 2022

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

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers

PEG-TV

Barbara Gibson

Harley Cudney

Jennifer Sullivan

Frank Nelson

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:00 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: Barbara Gibson – Pre-requested Appearances.
  - b. Deletions: Updated ARPA guidelines.
5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
  - Motion made to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, as printed.
    - Mover: John Malcolm
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
    - Discussion: None.

- Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor.  
Approved.
7. Pre-Requested Appearances by local citizens and visitors:
    - Barbara Gibson, resident of Hickory Hollow Road, shared concerns of road conditions and the impact said conditions may have on ability for emergency, utility, and residential vehicles to travel the roadway. Offered the Board suggestions for grant programs, recommended by State officials, as well as support and assistance in the grant writing process. Roads liaisons to connect with Road Crew to determine a plan of action.
  8. Announcements: None.
  9. Reports:
    - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
      - Interim ZA, Jonas Rosenthal, continues to keep the Board electronically informed of ongoing zoning items as updates become available. Mr. Rosenthal is also actively receiving zoning applications.
    - B. Planning Commission's (PPC) Report:
      - PPC Chairwoman, Jessica Van Oort, electronically provided a report to the Board:
        - Ed Bove from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be assisting the PPC on how to execute the Bylaw Modernization Grant, which Pawlet has recently received. The PPC hopes to have the bylaws updated by August 2023. Ms. Van Oort offered focus points and action items for this project.
        - The PPC received an update on the Municipal Planning Grant, and John Sabotka, Pawlet's representative at the RRPC reminds the Board that Class 2 road grant applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - C. Road Foreman's Report:
      - Nothing from the Road Foreman to report at this meeting.
      - Selectboard Road liaisons to connect with the Road crew to assess feedback on a few town roads, as well as to gain information on upcoming potential grant projects.
      - Mr. Jones shared that a call was received regarding a tree in need of attention on Warren Switch Road. The crew assessed the tree and will continue to observe the situation.

- Mr. Beecher submitted the storage tank paperwork with the OK of Mr. Mason.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, electronically shared a report with the Board.
  - Mr. Jones signed the overweight permits.
  - The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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. She also provided a tax collection breakdown.
- Motion made to approve Payroll warrant #22055 for \$12,932.21 and Accounts Payable Warrant #22054 for \$1,737.39 and Accounts Payable Warrant #22056 for \$1,029,876.17.
  - Mover: John Malcolm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Bob Jones, John Malcolm, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Mr. Morlino electronically shared a report with the Board, including news that 600 procedural masks have been obtained from the State of Vermont for free and have been distributed to the Town Hall, Pawlet Library and both firehouses. Anyone who needs masks may obtain from these locations or contact Mr. Morlino.
- Three Tire II reports were completed and submitted to the State of Vermont for the Town of Pawlet.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- Ms. Sullivan shared one complaint received regarding potential burning of garbage.

- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:
  - The WWTF continues to search for an intern to fill weekend hours at the facility.
  - Ms. Marsano provided the Board with future priorities and upcoming projects at the WWTF.
10. Old or unfinished business:
  - Mr. Hulett shared that the West Pawlet town-owned property will be ready for sale in the coming days. The Board discussed notifying interested parties, as well as duration of auction time, to allow for as many people to have opportunity to bid as possible.
11. New Business:
  - Mr. Ricard, Town Constable, made a request to order updated patches for the constables. Patches are added to self-purchased constable uniforms.
    - Motion made to approve the constable's request for new patches (\$245.00).
      - Mover: John Malcolm
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
      - Discussion: None
      - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor.
12. Public Comment:
  - Jennifer Sullivan inquired about water runoff in West Pawlet.
  - Frank Nelson shared observations of paving in West Pawlet and the effect on road height.
13. Motion made to Adjourn at 7:43pm
  - Mover: Bob Jones
  - Second: John Malcolm
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.