

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
April 19 , 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
Jessica Van Oort

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG-TV
John Davis
Val Davis
Kathi Barese
Julie Mach
Frank Nelson
Jennifer Sullivan
Deb Hawkins
Robert Morlino
Jay Luebke

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of those present, virtually and in person, by chairperson.
3. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
 - a. Additions: None.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022 as printed.

- Mover: John Malcolm
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Jessica Van Oort, John Malcolm, Rich Hulett, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.

- Kathi Barese – Spoke to the Board regarding a property assessment concern. Continued with a request for the Selectboard to rectify the situation. Conversation ensued. The Selectboard confirmed that this scenario is not within their purview, but rather that of the Board of Abatement and/or the State.
- Bob Morlino, Emergency Management Director – Spoke to the Board about the annual adoption of the Local Emergency Management Plan, as well as the adoption of the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, along with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) adoption form.
 - Motion made to adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan, the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, as well as the National Incident Management System.
 - Mover: John Malcolm
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.
 - Mr. Morlino continued to share that he is applying for a fully funded PACIF grant for Highway Safety. If awarded the funds, this grant will benefit the Pawlet Fire Department as well as the Town Highway Department.

6. Announcements:

- There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00pm to further discuss the Pedestrian Accessibility Scoping Study. This meeting will be located at the Town Hall, as well as via Zoom.
- There will be a Municipal Planning Grant Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th in person at the Town Hall and via Zoom.

7. Reports

A. Zoning Administrator's Report:

- No report at this meeting.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- No report at this meeting, however Mr. Mason informed the Road Liaisons/Selectboard Assistant that the paperwork for the two outstanding grants (Better Back Roads and VTrans Paving) will be completed in the coming days. The Highway Department is awaiting communication regarding the recent grant application submitted for the Rte. 153 project. Mr. Mason continues to seek out funding opportunities and prices for a new Town truck.
 - The Board reviewed three service requests/concerns pertaining to Town roads.
- D. Assessor Report:
- John Malcolm shared a message from Lisa Wright, which offered information about a software which would benefit the ability for remote work for the Assessor's Office.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:
 - Mr. Jones signed the 3 overweight permits.
 - Motion made to approve the request for catering of malt, vinous and/or spiritous liquors at an event on Herrick Brook Road in August 2022.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Jessica Van Oort, Rich Hulett, John Malcolm, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- 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 #22062 for \$8,629.46, and Accounts Payable Warrant #22063 for \$25,553.95.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett

- 2nd: John Malcolm
- Discussion: None
- Result: Jessica Van Oort, John Malcolm, Rich Hulett, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- None.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- None.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- Mr. Beecher and Ms. Powers relayed updates on the WWTF provided by Jill Marsano, VTUMS.
 - There is a leak in an air valve, which could lead to some water runoff. A remedy for this issue is imminent.

J. Facilities Report:

- None.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared that the draft contract for the Municipal Planning Grant was reviewed and OK-ed by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The Board made a motion at the last meeting to accept this, and Mr. Beecher will sign electronically.
- Jessica Van Oort shared an update provided from VLCT regarding the concept of Town Green preservation.

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson followed up to an email distributed to Town Officials, as Energy Coordinator, regarding hydrogen and its relationship to electrical power.

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:07pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- Second: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Jessica Van Oort, John Malcolm, Rich Hulett, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.