

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
May 3, 2022
7:00 pm
Pawlet Town Hall
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
John Malcolm
Bob Jones
Jessica Van Oort

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG-TV
Jonas Rosenthal
John Sabotka
Martha and Bob Schoenemann
Deb Hawkins
Harley Cudney

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:03 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:
 - Mark Fitzgerald, Ira – Rutland ATV Club
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022 as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: John Malcom
 - Discussion: None.

- Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
 - Mark Fitzgerald, Ira – Not present at meeting, therefore no discussion.
 6. Announcements: None.
 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
 - Jonas Rosenthal shared a report with the Board:
 - Mr. Rosenthal has two alleged zoning discrepancies that require follow-up.
 - Two pending permits which will be reviewed on Wednesday 5/3.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - Jessica Van Oort reported that the PPC continues to work with Ed Bove from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on bylaw modernization. The PPC members plan to participate in village center walkthroughs to analyze current zoning.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Road Foreman, Keith Mason, provided an ongoing work plan report to the Board:
 - The grant application for the Rte. 153 fill project was not granted, so efforts to determine funding are ongoing.
 - Kelly Hill Road will be the focus of the FY22 Grants in Aid project this summer.
 - Paving projects are to be determined due to volatile fuel prices.
 - Currently seeking pricing for some roadside tree work.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, reported that the office will be receiving a new tabulator, and demonstrations will be provided to the Board of Civil Authority members.
 - 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.

- Julie Mach also provided a report on funds received through the month of April.
- Motion made to approve Payroll warrant #22065 for \$8,947.71, and Accounts Payable Warrant #22066 for \$77,891.03.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- Motion made to authorize online permit payment for \$1350.00 with the Town credit card.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- With support from Julie Mach, Jessica Van Oort submitted the annual report for ARPA funds to the state.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- None.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- Jennifer Sullivan took a report of a dog bite. No further health officer follow-up required.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- The WWTF is training a new employee to support the West Pawlet facility.

J. Facilities Report:

- John Malcolm shared that he met with the individual hired to clear the snow off the accessibility ramp.
- Bob Jones shared that a tax sale is scheduled for May 18th at 12:00pm in the Town Hall.
 - Motion made to authorize a Selectboard member to bid on the property put up for tax sale on 5/18 at 12:00pm.
 - Mover: Bob Jones

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

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Pedestrian Accessibility Scoping Study – The Board spoke to the recent meeting outlining the three alternatives presented for pedestrian accessibility. Conversation ensued, discussing options and feedback.
 - Motion made to select alternative three, as presented by Fuss & O’Neill, authorizing them to move forward with drafting the plan, so long as those services are included in previously awarded grant funding.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
 - Motion made to authorize Devon Neary from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to begin the application process, on behalf of Pawlet, for the Bike & Pedestrian Grant.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- Ms. Powers shared with the Board that the establishment of a local Cannabis Commission has been reported to the State.

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson shared information pertaining to the evolution of the cannabis industry in our area.

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 7:57pm.

- Mover: John Malcolm
- Second: Jessica Van Oort.
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.