

Town of Pawlet
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, May 23rd, 2022 7:30pm
Special meeting held outside
West Pawlet Center

Members present:

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson

John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson

Rik Sassa, Clerk/Secretary

Frank Nelson

Gary Baierlein

Mark Frost

Harley Cudney

Also present:

Ed Bove

Michael Allen

Mike Beecher

and around a dozen townspeople

Members absent:

Call to Order:

The special meeting began at 6:30pm

Michael Allen, from ReGrowth planning, was hired as part of the grant process to do a study and assessment of West Pawlet Village center to see what direction the village revitalization grant should go in. Michael asked questions of some of the village people present regarding the history of certain buildings and interests in what the townspeople would like to see happen

to the town in general and in particular to parcels currently owned by the town. Ed Bove handed out a few pages including a map of the village center and the parcels there in.

The group walked from the site of the old Dutchies store down to the former Leslie Iron Works cluster of buildings. Then it continued in the other direction up the road to Euclid st. (Chicken Alley).

This was not a formal meeting due to the nature of a group spread out as it moved through the town. Multiple conversations were going on throughout. Topics that were discussed ranged from historical uses of buildings to proposed future uses, current zoning regulations, their limitations to economic growth and possible work-arounds to potential changes that would be more in keeping with what is actually existing in town and what needs have developed, such as housing, affordable housing, parking, the rail trail and attracting local business.

Set Agenda for next meeting:

Call to Order 7:30 2. Approval of Agenda Items - Review/Add/Delete 7:31 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 7:33 4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Jonas Rosenthal 7:45 6. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report 8:00 7. Discussion of Topics & On-going Business 8:05 8. Public Comments 8:25 9. Old Business 8:35 10. New business 8: 45 11. Set Agenda for the next meeting 8:55 12. Adjournment 9:00

Item 11. Adjournment:

The special meeting loosely adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa Secretary/Clerk