

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
June 14, 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
Frank Nelson
Jennifer Sullivan
Julie Mach
Harry Van Meter

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 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:
 - Historic Preservation Grant – Facilities Report.
 - Grants In Aid, Letter of Intent – Road Foreman’s Report.
 - Michael Allen – Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
 - Front Porch Forum – Old/Unfinished Business.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of May 31, 2022, as printed.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: John Malcolm
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort– in favor. Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
- None.
6. Announcements:
- None.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator’s Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- B. Planning Commission’s Report:
- No report at this meeting.
 - There will be an open house on June 27 from 3-7 at the West Pawlet Firehouse to discuss the West Pawlet planning process.
- C. Road Foreman’s Report:
- Motion made to sign the FY23 Grants In Aid Letter of Intent.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion:
 - Result: Bob Jones, Jessica Van Oort, John Malcolm – in favor. Approved.
 - The Town has been awarded grant funding for the, “TH 1 Route 153, Slope failure stabilization”, project via the VT Agency of Transportation’s Town Highway Structures Program.
 - Pending project evolution, Kelly Hill Road is scheduled to be closed beginning the second week of July for road maintenance.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk’s Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided a report to the Board - including maintenance requests/updates for the Town Hall, updates on the new tabulator, and information from the Secretary of State’s office re: ballot requests coming in August.

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 #22072 for \$8338.62 and Accounts Payable Warrant #22073 for \$44,520.29.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- Motion made to approve Julie Mach's accounting as represented at this meeting for the Hersom property sale.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Mr. Morlino and Mr. Luebke attended the VT Emergency Mgt. Day of Learning as well as the Rutland Emergency Mgt. Committee meeting.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- No report at this meeting.

J. Facilities Report:

- Agency of Commerce and Community Development's Historic Preservation Grant – Jessica Van Oort shared about a grant opportunity, with a 50/50 match, that could be utilized to for improvement projects on registered historic buildings. This grant application is due in October.
- West Pawlet former store foundation – The Road Crew is aware of the need to address this site, and will be formulating a plan.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- The Board determined that the free version of Front Porch Forum will be suitable for the Town, and may be utilized to seek licensed, insured carpenters to aid in necessary updates to Town buildings.

9. New Business:

- The Municipal Planning Grant Committee is seeking West Pawlet residents to conduct interviews with about the history of the community. Discussion ensued.

10. Public Comment:

- This weekend is the 75th Anniversary Celebration at the West Pawlet Fire Department, as well as the graduation at Mettowee School.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 7:38pm.

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

Approved.