

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
June 28, 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
Rich Hulett

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG-TV
Harley Cudney
Jennifer Sullivan
Frank Nelson
Deb Hawkins

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:
 - Hybrid Meeting A/V accessories – New Business.
 - West Pawlet Store Foundation – Old/Unfinished Business.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett

- Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
- None.
6. Announcements:
- None.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
- Interim ZA, Jonas Rosenthal, shared a list of approved permits.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- Jessica Van Oort shared a report from the Planning Commission (PPC), focusing on the fine-tuning of permitted uses in our Zoning Bylaws.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Bullfrog Hollow solar project. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission would like to know the stance of the PPC and Selectboard on this project. The PPC is generally supportive of this and, following discussion, the Selectboard determined that as a Board, they are also generally supportive of this project.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Roadsides have been mowed.
 - Progress continues on the Kelly Hill Road project.
 - Seeking rental excavator, to be split with Rupert, for upcoming projects.
 - Community feedback was submitted to Jessica Van Oort regarding the request to remedy erosion on New Street – the Road Crew will address this.
 - The Road Crew has plans to address the concerns re: the old store foundation in West Pawlet.
 - Bob Jones shared that he has received positive feedback on the drainage improvements in West Pawlet.
 - The Town Crew is actively recognizing the lack of available trucks for purchase (as they have been seeking a new truck for the fleet), and is considering what this means for a maintenance plan.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided a report to the Board.
 - The Town Hall is now an active polling place.
 - Many Towns have adopted Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday, and this is something for the Board to consider in future years.

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 #22075 for \$11,341.78 and Accounts Payable Warrant #22076 for \$26,493.83.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- THO, Jennifer Sullivan, shared a report of a dog bite on 6/23/22.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility:

- Mike Beecher shared that a repaired pump has been received. Additionally, spring time showed high flows, which yields concerns of system efficiency.

J. Facilities Report:

- A Front Porch Forum account has been established for the Town, and will be utilized to put a call out for qualified carpenters to complete improvement/repair projects to Town buildings.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- None.

9. New Business:

- Ms. Powers shared a proposal for enhanced audio/visual accessories, to be utilized for an improved hybrid meeting experience, with the Board.
 - Motion made to support the purchase of audio/visual components.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.

10. Public Comment:

- None.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 7:47pm.

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