

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 26, 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
Deb Hawkins
Harley Cudney

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of those present, virtually and in person.
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 July 12, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – 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, however Jessica Van Oort shared that Jonas Rosenthal provided updates on permit applications at the most recent Planning Commission meeting.

B. Planning Commission's Report:

- PPC Chairwoman, Jessica Van Oort, provided a memo to the Board, including details regarding ongoing conversations with Ed Bove from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on Pawlet's Unified Bylaws.
- Jessica Van Oort also spoke to the Otter Creek Communications Union District (CUD). The CUD is actively working to utilize grant funding to make high speed internet more available and accessible to the Rutland County area in the coming years.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- No report at this meeting, however Road Liaison, Bob Jones, shared that work on Kelly Hill Road is ongoing and nearing completion.
- Discussion ensued in regards to pursuing a traffic count/study of the N. Pawlet Road/Rte. 30 intersection.
- Motion made to purchase two additional radar speed signs from Elan City.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting, however Mr. Beecher received and reviewed a notice regarding an upcoming town-wide reassessment.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:

- Early voting is ongoing and individuals are being gathered to assist with working the polls.
- Those with Town positions expiring in March are encouraged to begin considering gathering signatures early.

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 #23004 for \$9575.12 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23005 for \$21723.03.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.
- Julie Mach discussed Wastewater User Fees with the Board, presenting four options for establishing rates.
 - Motion made to choose option 1 of 4 of the Wastewater Use Fees, presented by Julie Mach – Rate/hookup: \$929.59, Quarterly payment: \$232.40.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones – in favor. Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- No report at this meeting, however Jessica Van Oort shared an update from John Kiernan from RCAP re: grant funding

opportunities for the WWTF. More to come with this in mid-August.

J. Facilities Report:

- Rudd Builderz will be coming to look at improvement projects at the Town Hall.
- Jessica Van Oort spoke to opportunities for free efficiency assessments for municipal buildings via Efficiency Vermont.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Municipal Mask Mandates:
 - Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, requested the Board support the Town Hall employees in continuing the mask mandate through the primary election in early August.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a standing agenda topic within the Health Officer's report once per month regarding Municipal Mask Mandates.
 - The Town Hall will continue to maintain the mask mandate through the primary elections.

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- None.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:00pm.

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