

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
August 23, 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
Frank Nelson
Harley Cudney
Keith Mason
Tom Fuller
Deb Hawkins
Kevin Mason
Julie Mach
Tim Rice

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.
3. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
 - a. Additions:
 - Paving Bids
 - Library Event Request
 - Executive Session – labor relations agreements with employees.
 - b. Deletions: None.

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - 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 provided a report to the Board, listing all permits issued in 2022; as of August 17, 2022.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - Jessica Van Oort shared that the Planning Commission met on 8/22/22, and continues to work with Ed Bove from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) to discuss bylaw modernization. Working on village and commercial district zoning, and working on opportunities to provide greater flexibility for development and parking requirements.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - The Board received two sealed paving bids, one from Fuller Sand and Gravel and one from Wilk Paving, to pave Buttons Falls Road (VT Route 30 to the New York State line).
 - Conversation ensued regarding project details, and discussion will continue at the next Regular Meeting on 9/6/22.
 - The Board reviewed pricing for winter sand and aggregate from SLC, Martell and Holcomb. Discussion ensued.
 - Motion made to begin hauling ¾" in drainage from SLC – 800 yards to West Pawlet, and 600 yards to Pawlet – at \$11.90/ton.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort

- Discussion: Some discussion regarding varying product from different quarries.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.
- The Highway Department has finished filling and seeding the old foundation at the former Dutchie’s Store in West Pawlet – the Board determined that some additional work remains to enhance safety of the site.
- The Kelly Hill Road project is nearing completion, and will need close-out paperwork to fulfill the Grants in Aid funding requirements.
- A box culvert on the North Pawlet Road is in need of some shim product to address a lag in the roadway.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the quest to obtain additional funding for the deteriorating portion of road on Rte. 153. Current focus has been elevated to Federal funding opportunities.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk’s Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a memo with the Board, including updates from the Clerk’s office and Town Hall.

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 #23008 for \$9,103.73 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23009 \$29,170.64.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - 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:

- No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- Mike Beecher reported issues with the generator as well as the alarm board, due to a lightning strike, at the WWTF.
- The Planning Commission is hoping to find the exact map of properties in which the WWTF services, and will work with Jill Marsano on this.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the desire to digitize records/maps, as well as different avenues to accomplish this.

J. Facilities Report:

- Mike Beecher has continued conversations with local builders re: Town Hall improvement projects.
- Harley Cudney and Library Director, Lyndsi Barnes, reported that there is no immediate crisis or need for repair on the Library steps at this time. It was determined that the patch most recently applied is not a long-term solution, however will continue to serve for the immediate future.
- Jessica Van Oort shared a historic building grant opportunity, due 10/3. An estimate is required to apply. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of utilizing this funding on several potential projects at the Town Hall and/or Library.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- None.

9. New Business:

- The Library requested to utilize the Town Hall Auditorium on Friday, October 7, 2022 as a musical venue from 5:00pm-10:00pm. The Board unanimously supported this request.

10. Public Comment:

- Harley Cudney offered assistance to apply for the historic buildings grant funding.
- Kevin Mason reported that the recent work on Kelly Hill Road has left some need for repair on his driveway. Road liaisons to work with Mr. Mason on this.

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees (1 v.s.A. § 313) at 8:10pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
- Discussion: None

- Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Jessica Van Oort, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:37pm.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2nd: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None
- Result: John Malcolm, Bob Jones, Jessica Van Oort, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:38pm.

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