

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 20, 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
Harry Van Meter

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Mr. Beecher extended a moment of appreciation and recognition for former Selectperson, Nate Smith, reflecting on his years of service and dedication to the Pawlet community.
2. Introduction of those present, virtually and in person.
3. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
 - a. Additions:
 - Executive Session - to discuss labor relations agreements with employees (1 V.S.A. § 313).
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett

- 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
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.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Mr. Mason provided a report to the Road Liaisons:
 - The Road crew is hauling winter sand.
 - Roadside mowing is forthcoming, as is grading and preparation for winter maintenance.
 - The Kelly Hill Road grant will be closed out soon.
 - Paving on Buttons Falls Road is anticipated in October.
- D. Assessor Report:
- The Board reviewed a request from the Assessor's Office for Errors and Omissions for the 2022 Grand List.
 - Motion made to approve the Assessor's Errors & Omissions of the 2022 Grand List on September 20, 2022.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided a memo to the Selectboard.
 - Reminder that there will be a Board of Civil Authority meeting on Tuesday, 9/27.
 - The Board signed the reappointment form for the VT Deputy Town Forest Fire Warder, David Hosley.

- The Board reviewed the updated Criminal Justice Council Employment Change form – both constables to complete this and return to the Selectboard for review.

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 #23014 for \$9,112.78 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23015 for \$29,232.82.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 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):

- Jill Marsano, Vermont Utility Management Services, provided WWTF operation updates and tests for August and early September 2022.
- The Board unanimously supported having Irving schedule automatic deliveries at the WWTF to ensure ample propane supply.

J. Facilities Report:

- Air Purification – Jessica Van Oort and Mike Beecher gathered further, and will be able to provide additional quote at the next upcoming meeting.
- Town Hall Repairs – The Board received a quote from Rudd Builderz to perform necessary repairs on the Town Hall.
 - Motion made to perform the three Town Hall repairs outlined in the quote.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None

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

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Cannabis Control Board – Jessica Van Oort attended a training regarding regulating cannabis establishments in our municipalities.
 - Motion made to approve the cannabis cultivation application provided to the local Cannabis Control Commission by the state Cannabis Control Board.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.

9. New Business:

- Motion made to proclaim October 23-October 29 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Pawlet.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result; John Malcolm, Jessica Van Oort, Bob Jones, Rich Hulett – in favor. Approved.
- Comcast and VTel are offering community outreach programs for eligible low-income households. The Board unanimously supported the notion of making our community members aware of this program via Town site and e-blast newsletter.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke to the Board about a global economic update.

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees (1 v.s.A. § 313) at 8:14pm.

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

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:48pm

- Mover: Rich Hulett
- 2nd: Bob Jones

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

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:49pm.

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