

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
October 18, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Pawlet Town Hall  
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT  
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Jessica Van Oort  
Rich Hulett

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers  
PEG-TV  
Harley Cudney  
Julie Mach  
Frank Nelson

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:09 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:
    - Executive Session - to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. (1 V.S.A. § 313).
  - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
  - Motion made to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022, as printed.
    - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
    - Discussion: None.

- Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
- None.
6. Announcements:
- The Town is seeking a Full-Time Road Foreman. Interested applicants may send a resume and cover letter to the Selectboard, via pawletselectboard@gmail.com.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator's Report:
- No report at this meeting, however the Town is currently seeking a Zoning Administrator. Those interested may contact the Selectboard, via pawletselectboard@gmail.com.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- The Road crew has been mowing, grading and preparing for the winter season.
  - Upcoming projects: paving on Buttons Falls Road – anticipated to be completed late October/early November, patching portions of roadway in West Pawlet.
  - The Town is awaiting winter salt prices, and will discuss at the next meeting on 11/1/22.
  - The Town has received wait-listed funding through an equipment grant – to be discussed further at the next meeting on 11/1/22.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, submitted a report to the Board:
    - 173 ballots have been processed through the tabulator.
    - The Board reviewed a Citizens Service Request regarding a street light that is out in West Pawlet. Green Mountain Power (GMP) has indicated that Town authorization is required to remedy the light.
      - Mr. Jones to follow-up with GMP, providing Town authorization.
- 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, and a summary of tax collections/the tax collection levy.
- Motion made to approve Payroll warrant #23020 for \$8348.06, Payroll Warrant #23021 for \$3047.55, and Accounts Payable Warrant #23022 for \$18,177.99.
  - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: 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.
- Jessica Van Oort shared that discussions will continue with John Kiernan, RCAP, to establish steps required for grant funding with spring application deadlines.

J. Facilities Report:

- No report at this meeting.
- The Town awaits a start date for Town Hall repairs.

K. Mettawee School Board Report:

- Cori Brago has been appointed to the vacant position on The Mettawee School Board.
- The BRSU is eagerly seeking substitute teachers. Those interested are asked to please reach out to the Mettawee School Board.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- The Town awaits a draft grant agreement from the VOREC Committee.
- Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission will be attending the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on 11/1/2022 to share a wrap-up presentation on the Pedestrian Scoping Study.

- The Board signed a fee-free contract, extending the services of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. to the Town.

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- Harley Cudney requested to pursue conversations with Green Mountain Power to determine whether Pawlet/Rupert Mtn. Road would be eligible for a program to bury power lines.

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. (1 V.S.A. § 313) at 7:49pm.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:24pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica Van Oort
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:25pm.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- Second: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.