

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
November 1, 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
Devon Neary
Nicole Fox
Julie Mach
Frank Nelson
John Sabotka
Martin & Monica Kravitt
Sarah Ludlam
Jennifer Sullivan
Judith Gibson-Okunieff
Annie-Jorden Tomaszek

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:07 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:
 - Emergency Mgt. Report – Reappointment Form
 - Old/Unfinished Business:
 - Highway Dept. Uniforms

- Road Foreman Advertisement
 - New Business:
 - Share the Warmth Event
 - Request to Utilize the Town Green
 - Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
- Motion made to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors.
- Nicole Fox & Devon Neary – Pedestrian Accessibility Study Presentation:
 - Nicole Fox presented an overview of the pedestrian scoping study project, including funding opportunities and plans for the selected project alternative. Nicole and Devon answered questions from the Board and body.
6. Announcements:
- The Town is seeking a Full-Time Road Foreman as well as a Zoning Administrator. 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.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- Jessica Van Oort shared a report with the Board:
 - The PPC spent time discussing the Zoning Administrator position, as well as strategies to fill the vacancy.
 - The PPC continues to discuss the Town's Enhanced Energy Plan, which is now ready to begin the approval process.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Paving to begin on Buttons Falls Roads on Wednesday, 11/2/22. The paving crew will also shim four additional trouble spots throughout West Pawlet.
- Rich Hulett acquired pricing for winter road salt from Apalachee Salt Company and American Rock Salt - to be discussed further at the next regular meeting on 11/15/22.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need for additional help with winter maintenance.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, submitted a report to the Board:
 - 330 early voted ballots to date.
 - The Board addressed the citizen request regarding a street light that is out in West Pawlet – upon further inspection, the Board was not able to determine which light was out and requests the citizen please identify an exact location so they may relay this to Green Mountain Power.

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, and Wastewater.
- The Town has received the county level ARPA deposit, as well as the VT Class 2 & 3 Highway State Aid payments.
- Motion made to approve Payroll warrant #23025 for \$8,484.51, and Accounts Payable Warrant #23026 for \$16,341.51.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Emergency Management Director, Bob Morlino, electronically shared a report with the Board:

- Mr. Morlino & Mr. Luebke attended several meetings and conferences through the months of September and October.
 - Mr. Morlino renewed the Town radio license – to be renewed again in 2032.
- Motion made to reappoint Robert Morlino as Emergency Management Services Representative for Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC)
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
 - Jennifer Sullivan reported that there was a visit to a rental property.
 - The State has raised the overall state Covid levels to medium, however the community levels remain low. Mask-wearing continues to be recommended as a self-managed practice.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):
 - There will be a committee meeting on Friday, 11/4, to conduct an initial self-assessment with John Kiernan of RCAP to proceed with grant funding options.
 - Jill Marsano reported that she mapped out sewer laterals for the small white building in the village of West Pawlet, and confirmed that there is a lateral associated with that building awaiting hookup.
- J. Facilities Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
- K. Mettawee School Board Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
- 8. Old or unfinished business:
 - The Highway Department's uniform contract is up for review – to be discussed further at the next regular meeting on 11/15/22.
- 9. New Business:
 - The Board unanimously supported the advertisement of the Share the Warmth event – a warm clothing drive to be hosted at the Mettawee School.

- Monica Kravitt relayed a request to host a candidate meet and greet on the Town Green on Saturday, 11/5/22, on the Town Green from 12:00-12:30pm. The Board unanimously supported this request.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke of the service honoring the life and legacy of Jonas Rosenthal.

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees at 8:13pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session, with no decisions made, at 8:55pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

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

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