

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
November 15, 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
Frank Nelson
Julie Mach
Deb Hawkins
Nancy Morlino

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:
 - Old/Unfinished Business:
 - Acceptance of Scoping Study Report
 - 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 November 1, 2022, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: 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.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - Jessica Van Oort shared a report with the Board:
 - Following a special meeting of the PPC, the commissioners recommend appointing Nancy Morlino as Interim Zoning Administrator.
 - Motion made to appoint Nancy Morlino as Interim Zoning Administrator:
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Buttons Falls Road paving is complete, as is the additional shimming on various trouble spots in West Pawlet.
 - Some discussion ensued regarding Highway Dept. uniforms, with no decisions made at this time.
 - The Board discussed funding for the Rte. 153 improvement project.
 - D. Assessor Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - E. Town Clerk's Memo:
 - Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, submitted a report to the Board:
 - Canvassing took place on 11/15, certifying the results of the state representative race for the Rutland/Bennington district.

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 funds from the VT Tax Dept. for the FY23 Hold Harmless payment and local fees from the State Cannabis Control Board.
- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #23027 for \$12,333.68 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23028 for \$32,923.44.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: 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.

J. Facilities Report:

- No report at this meeting.

K. Mettawee School Board Report:

- Julie Mach shared a report with the Board:
 - The MSD welcomed newest member, Cori Brago, adopted several policies, reviewed the FY23 anticipated budget, and began discussions re: a community engagement event on March 29th.
 - The next regular meeting will be held on December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Mettawee Community School.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Motion to sign the Scoping Study Certification and Acceptance document.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

9. New Business:

- RRPC 2022 Annual Report:
 - The Board has received a copy of the 2022 Annual Report from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, as well as the request to factor the request for the RRPC annual fund.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson contributed several ideas to the Board and Body.
- Mike Beecher discussed the potential need for additional employment opportunities within the Town.

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees at 7:50pm.

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

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session, with no decisions made, at 8:46pm.

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

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:47pm.

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