

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
November 29, 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  
Kim Ayers  
Frank Nelson  
Lisa Wright  
Marilyn Hand  
Jim Hand

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment to honor the outstanding life and legacy of Keith Mason, recognizing his many years of dedicated service to the Pawlet community.
2. Introduction of those present, virtually and in person.
3. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
  - a. Additions:
    - 2021 Equalization & Order to Reappraise – Assessor's Memo
  - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

- Motion made to approve the minutes of November 15, 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:

- Kim Ayers, Delinquent Tax Collector – Announced that there will be a tax sale for six properties in West Pawlet on December 14, 2022 at 12pm at the Pawlet Town Hall. A request was made for a member of the Selectboard to be present.
  - Motion made to authorize Bob Jones to purchase the properties on the Town’s behalf, should no one else bid.
    - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved

6. Announcements: None.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator’s Report:

- Nancy Morlino shared a report from the Zoning Administrator’s office including:
  - Letters and permits received by the ZA’s office.
  - Total permits issued, year-to-date: 25.

B. Planning Commission’s Report:

- Jessica Van Oort shared a report from the Planning Commission:
  - The PPC is pleased to welcome Nancy Morlino to the Zoning Administrator’s office.
  - Ed Bove continues to work with the PPC on bylaw modernization.

C. Road Foreman’s Report:

- The Town’s tractor is in need of new tires – the road crew has investigating pricing options.

- The Highway Liaisons provided an update on the interview process for the open Highway Dept positions.

D. Assessor Report:

- Errors & Omissions Request – Lisa Wright provided an overview of the E&O Request for a change requested based on a legislative change that was made effective 7/1/2022 regarding solar installations.
  - Thomas Hand, MHG Solar, and Marilyn Hand spoke further to this point.
  - Motion made to approve the 2022 Grand List change as shown in the Assessor's Errors & Omissions Request on 11/29/22.
    - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved
- 2021 Equalization & Order to Reappraise – Lisa Wright explained the state's reappraisal process, continuing to indicate that the State has ordered that the Town of Pawlet will need to move forward with a Town-wide reappraisal by 2026.
  - The Board unanimously supported Lisa Wright, Assessor's Office, and Mike Beecher, Selectboard Chair, to sign the documentation to be submitted to the state acknowledging the need to reappraise.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- No report at this meeting

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.
- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #23029 for \$7,528.01 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23030 for \$273,154.90 (less \$36,250.00 for a voided check – actual payroll amount is \$236,904.90).
  - Mover: Bob Jones
  - 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.
- J. Facilities Report:
- Mike Beecher reported that Rudd Builderz will begin work on the Town Hall improvements soon.
- K. Mettawee School Board Report:
- No report at this meeting.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- None.
9. New Business:
- None.
10. Public Comment:
- Frank Nelson requested to utilize the upstairs Town Hall auditorium space. The Board supported this request.
11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:15pm.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - Second: Jessica Van Oort
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved.