

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Organizational Meeting Minutes - Following Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 7:00pm**  
**122 School Street & Virtually via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Jessica Van Oort  
Rich Hulett  
Perry Brown  
Kristin Powers  
Deb Hawkins  
Frank Nelson  
John Sabotka  
Harley Cudney

**Event:**

1. At 7:02pm, Deb Hawkins swore in or affirmed, via the Vermont Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office
  - Perry Brown and Jessica Van Oort, Selectboard (1 year)
  - Bob Jones, Selectboard (3 years) – sworn in earlier in the day by Deb Hawkins
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with the pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion to appoint Mike Beecher as Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Rich Hulett
  - 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved
5. Motion made to appoint Bob Jones as Vice Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - 2nd: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
6. Motion made to appoint Mike Beecher and Jessica Van Oort as the liaisons to the West Pawlet Waste Water Treatment Facility.
  - Mover: Perry Brown
  - 2nd: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
8. Motion made to appoint Rich Hulett and Bob Jones as the liaisons to the Town's Highway Department
  - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - 2nd: Perry Brown

- Discussion: None.

- Result: Approved

**9.** Motion made to appoint Perry Brown and Bob Jones as the liaisons to Buildings & Development.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2nd: Rich Hulett

- Discussion: None

- Result: Approved.

**10.** Motion made to appoint Jessica Van Oort as the liaison to the Treasurer's Office.

- Mover: Rich Hulett

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones

- Discussion: None

- Result: Approved

**11.** Motion made to appoint the following individuals/entities to their one-year term positions listed below (and on page 7 of the 2022 Annual Town Report):

- Atty. Merrill Bent – Town Attorney

- Bradley Myerson – Grand Juror

- Platt Herrick, Jr. – Fence Viewer

- Robert Morlino –Emergency Management Director

- Jennifer Sullivan – Public Health Officer

- Tim Waite – Inspector of Coal, Wood, Shingles & Lumber, and Weigher of Coal & Tree Warden

- Frank Nelson – Energy Coordinator

- Bob Jones – Pound Keeper for Large Animals

- David Ricard, Sr. & Tom Covino – Pound Keeper for Small Animals

- The Selectboard – Liquor & Tobacco Control Board and Sewer Commissioners & Local Cannabis Commission

- Lennie Gibson – Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Representative

- Julie Mach – Tax Collector

- The Rutland Herald – Official News Publication

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett

- Discussion: None

- Result: Approved

**13.** Motion made to reappoint Harley Cudney, Gary Baierlein and John Sabotka to the Planning Commission (3 year terms).

- Mover: Rich Hulett

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Perry Brown

- Discussion: None

- Result: Approved.

**15.** Motion made to reappoint Sarah Ludlam (3 year), Tom Kroeber (2 year), and John Sabotka (1 year alternate) to the Development Review Board.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2nd: Rich Hulett

- Discussion: None

- Result: Approved.

**16.** Motion made to appoint Harley Cudney as the alternate representative from Pawlet to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

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

**17.** Motion made to reappoint Jessica Van Oort as the local representative to the Otter Creek Communications Union District.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

**17.** Motion made to adopt the Selectboard Rules of Procedure.

Mover: Rich Hulett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Perry Brown

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

**18.** Public Comment:

- Conversation ensued amongst the Board and Body regarding miscellaneous policy, practice and procedure for Vermont Selectboard Members.

**19.** Motion made to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.