

Town of Pawlet
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2023 7:30pm
Meeting at town hall and
via Zoom platform

Members present:

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson
John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson
Rik Sassa, Clerk/Secretary
Gary Baierlein
Frank Nelson
Mark Frost
Harley Cudney
Wayne Clark (alternate member)
Ed Bove (RRPC) (via Zoom)
Nancy Morlino

Members absent:

Item 1. Call to Order:

Jessica Van Oort called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda Items- Review/Add/Delete:

No additions to the agenda. Agenda was approved as written.

Item 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Gary Baierlein referred to an email that he sent before last meeting that was not discussed in the meeting. Jessica said that she had gotten the email and that the discussion during the last

meeting never reached the issue in the by-laws that Gary was referring to. John Sabotka moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Harly Cudney seconded, all approved.

Item 4. Zoning Administrator's Report- Nancy Morlino:

Nancy Morlino said the changes to the zoning permit application that were discussed in the last meeting were approved by the select board. She explained a notice of violation involving someone living permanently in a camper. She said she encountered a confusion regarding such in the by-laws. Ed Bove had a question regarding the camping trailer issue. Nancy thought that simply saying that permanent living in a camping trailer is not allowed in any district. Gary thought that it is stressed that permanent living in a camper is prohibited. Jessica commented that when the commission gets to that point in the by-laws the group will have further discussion and make any appropriate changes to the by-laws.

Item 5. Rutland Regional Commission Report- John Sabotka and Harley Cudney:

John gave a report on the meetings he attended. None of the solar projects that were submitted to the Board of Commissioners were approved at the meeting. They are also working on updating the regional plan.

Item 6. Otter Creek Communications Union District Report and Municipal Planning Grant Report- Jessica Van Oort:

Jessica reported that the CUD has gotten a new project manager and is very close to signing a contract with CCI (the company that will be doing the broadband buildout).

Item 7. Public Comments:

No public was present at the meeting.

Item 8. On-going Business:

Frank Nelson wanted to clarify the Act 250 information on a 10 acre town. Jessica read from the Act. She thought that the Act did not supersede the town's by-laws. Over 10 acres, a town permit is needed and also the project must meet the state's Act 250. Frank said that the state would look at regional and local town plans to help guide a decision but he felt it did not specifically say that it would look at the town's by-laws. Ed Bove agreed that the state would consult a town's plan. Jessica clarified that this issue of Act 250 was not on the agenda and could be put on a future one. She wanted to get on with the review of the by-laws.

The continuation of going through the by-laws line by line proceeded. Rik moved to approve changes made that meeting to the by-laws, Gary seconded all approved.

Item 9. Set Agenda for next meeting

Call to Order 7:30 2. Approval of Agenda Items - Review/Add/Delete 7:31 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 7:33 4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Nancy Morlino 7:35 5. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report 7:40 6. Otter Creek Communications Union District Report and

Municipal Planning Grant report 7:45 7. Public Comments 7:50 8. On-going Business: Bylaws Updates continued 8:00 9. Set Agenda for the next meeting 8:55 10. Adjournment 9:00

Item 11. Adjournment:

Gary motioned for adjournment and Mark Frost seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk