

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
June 27, 2023
7:00 pm
Pawlet Town Hall
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Bob Jones
Jessica Van Oort
Perry Brown
Rich Hulett

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
PEG TV
Devon Neary
Harley Cudney
Julie Mach
Gib Mach
Frank Nelson
Rose Smith
Mark Frost
Tax Payer
Pawlet Citizen
Deb Hawkins
Harry
Martin Kravitt
Nancy Morlino

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:
 - Discover Books Dropbox – New Business

- Rose Smith, Pawlett Historical Society – Pre-Requested Appearances
- b. Deletions:
 - None.
- 4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023, as printed.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- 5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors:
 - Devon Neary, RRPC – Discussed the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, which aims to provide technical assistance to municipalities in high need of funding. Pawlet has been pre-approved for this program. The RRPC has a goal of identifying projects by the end of 2023. Discussion ensued regarding potentially eligible projects.
 - Rose Smith, Pawlett Historical Society – Requested updates on ongoing items (A/C and lighting installation in Town Hall Auditorium), and requested tidying up of the exterior of the Town Hall prior to the event in July.
 - Mike Beecher reported that the A/C unit for the auditorium will be installed on Wednesday, 6/27/23.
 - Perry Brown shared an estimate received to install the lighting in the auditorium space.
 - Motion made to hire MC Electric to install the auditorium lighting.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Discussion ensued re: cleaning of Town Hall exterior, with no formal decisions made.
- 6. Announcements: None.
- 7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report:
 - ZA Nancy Morlino shared a report with the Board:

- Nancy attended a two-day zoning seminar presented by VLCT and shared a summary of this event.
- DRB meeting is scheduled for 6/28/23 for one property.
- ZA Morlino reviewed zoning pertaining to parking for Mach's Market.

B. Planning Commission's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Highway Liaison, Rich Hulett, shared findings of truck pricing explaining different approaches to purchasing a new truck. Mr. Hulett and Mr. Decker to continue gathering additional pricing options.
- Roadside mowing is culminating this week.
- Waite Hill Road is prepped and ready for slate, to begin the 10th of July.
- The Highway Dept. is working with the Town of Rupert currently.
- The International truck is up and running.
- The Town has applied for the Highway Safety Improvement Grant.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Deb Hawkins shared a report with the Board:
 - The elevator lights need to be addressed.
 - The Town Offices will be closed on July 4th.
 - The Town Hall has been re-keyed, and key holders may come for replacement keys when old keys are turned in.

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.
- Julie Mach requested approval to sign the letter of intent to continue working with the Town's auditor. The Board unanimously approved this request.
- The Board discussed the possibility of hiring Matt Levitre to tend to weed whacking around the Town Hall.
- Discussions ensued regarding items in the current fiscal year to be classified with depreciation values.

- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #23069 for \$12,078.69 and Accounts Payable Warrant #23070 for \$26,607.35.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
 - Jennifer Sullivan provided the Board with a written update on the ongoing camper situation in West Pawlet.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):
 - Jill Marsano, Vermont Utility Management Services (VTUMS), shared a report with the Board, which included May 2023 reports submitted to the state of VT and ANR online portal.
 - Awaiting communication from John Kiernan regarding feasibility of a sludge holding tank and potential cost savings he may recommend for the system.
- J. Facilities Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
- K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:
 - Julie Mach shared a report with the Board:
 - The MSB approved a Memorandum of Understanding as well as multiple policies.
 - The next board meeting will be on July 10th, virtually only, on Google Meet.
- 8. Old or unfinished business:
 - Mach's Market Parking – Nancy Morlino shared zoning findings of the current zoning regulations, as they pertain to parking, at Mach's Market. Discussions with the State confirmed that striping for parking, etc. would be the responsibility of the Town if desired.
 - Conversations ensued and the Board determined to move forward with painting lines along School Street.
- 9. New Business:
 - Discover Books Dropbox – The Board reviewed this opportunity, and determined that this may interfere with the Pawlet Public Library's drive for the book sale.

- Mike Beecher shared that paperwork was received by the Town, as an interested party, regarding the ongoing case with the Roblee Farm.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson inquired about the Town's position on re-approaching the State re: speed adjustments on state highways. He continued to seek clarification on the upcoming tax sale. Lastly, he provided an update on the rabid fox that was dispatched in West Pawlet.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:29pm.

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