

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 11, 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
Frank Nelson
Harley Cudney
Gib Mach
Barry Meinerth
Jennifer Sullivan
Rebekah Stephens
Nancy Morlino
Martin Kravitt
Tom Covino
Dave Ricard
Julie Mach
Pawlet Citizen
Colin Stabile
Ruth Byrne
Mark McChesney
Margaret McChesney

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 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: None.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023, as printed.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors:
 - Gib Mach – Addressed the Board regarding parking in front of Mach’s Market, clarifying his position on the discussion which took place at the last regularly scheduled meeting. Gib provided a proposed plan for painting lines identifying parking spaces in front of the store, and discussions ensued regarding other possible traffic flow related improvements.
 - Motion made to support Gib Mach’s proposal for painted parking spaces in front of the store and identification of no parking zones (to be painted by the Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department).
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Jennifer Sullivan introduced Rebekah Stephens, Executive Director of Rutland County Habitat for Humanity. Rebekah provided the Board with an overview of what Rutland HFH does and the services they provide to members of the community. Discussions ensued amongst the Board and Body.
6. Announcements: None.
7. Reports:
 - A. Zoning Administrator’s (ZA) Report:
 - Nancy Morlino shared there was a DRB hearing on June 28th for a conditional use permit and another hearing schedule for July 19th for a conditional use permit.
 - B. Planning Commission’s Report:

- No report at this meeting.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Rich Hulett shared that the Highway Department is working to lay slate down on Waite Hill Road.
 - Mr. Hulett continued to share pricing on a Freightliner and International truck, both options for a new Town Truck. Discussions ensued, with no decisions made.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- 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, Wastewater, as well as the financial questionnaire (signed by Chairman Beecher).
 - Motion made to approve the class 1 & 3 liquor and catering licenses for The Barn Restaurant.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #24001 for \$10,557.37 and Accounts Payable Warrant #24002 for \$26,119.18
 - Mover: Perry Brown
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report:
- EMD, Bob Morlino, shared a report with the Board:
 - The first meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (HMP) met on June 26.
 - R. Morlino attended the REMP committee meeting, FBI working group meeting as well as completed a 10 hour FEMA shelter field training guide for state and local communities.

- FEMA inquired about completed culvert grants.
- Bob Morlino added an additional comment about the good fortune of the community for experiencing no issues with the recent flooding.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- No formal report at this meeting, however Jennifer Sullivan provided a brief update on the ongoing camper situation in West Pawlet.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- No report at this meeting.

J. Facilities Report:

- Mike Beecher shared that the air conditioning unit was installed in the Town Hall Auditorium. One unforeseen issue occurred during installation, which was fixed temporarily. The auditorium lights have been installed successfully. Members of the Historical Society requested to utilize the Town Hall Auditorium for set-up prior to the event. The Board supported this request.
- Ruth Byrne inquired about the smoking policy in the Town Hall.
- Harley Cudney shared that the Library is operating smoothly, and confirmed that the Library is a safe haven during a heat emergency (during open hours or with special requests during daytime hours).

K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- No report at this meeting.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Village Pedestrian Accessibility Project - Jessica Van Oort shared an update with the Board, providing two options for moving forward with the project.
 - Motion made to proceed with pursuing option two.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- Jessica Van Oort shared about the MERP program for energy efficiency. The Town of Pawlet had identified the Library and Town Hall as buildings in need of energy evaluations.
 - Motion made to proceed with Jessica filling out the application, continuing to identify the Library as the

primary building and Town Hall as secondary building, to undergo a level one evaluation.

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

9. New Business:

- None.

10. Public Comment:

- Martin Kravitt shared a public safety matter regarding a member of the community.
 - The Town's Constables spoke to this concern, and discussion ensued amongst the Board and Body.
- Frank Nelson spoke to the recent tax sale in West Pawlet.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:44pm.

- Mover: Perry Brown
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.