

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
August 22, 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
Dale Decker

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:03 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: Municipal Planning Grant – New Business
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023, as printed.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.

5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: None.

6. Announcements: None.

7. Reports:

A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report:

- ZA, Nancy Morlino, shared a report with the Board:
 - Received 24 permits YTD for 2023.
 - Permit scanning continues, all documents for past 7 years have been scanned and entered into the NEMRC database.
 - ZA Morlino signed up for the VLCT Town Fair 23. Anticipated discussion re: short term rentals.

B. Planning Commission's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Road Foreman, Dale Decker, provided a report to the Board:
 - The International truck is undergoing repairs.
 - Grants In Aid project is underway and will occupy the next couple of weeks.
 - Dale initiated discussions regarding winter sand, including estimated quantity needed.
 - Discussions ensued regarding financing for the remaining balance of the new Town truck.
 - Motion made to proceed with the purchase of a new town truck and upfit (\$99,500.00) via Viking for \$255,946.00.
 - Mover: Perry Brown
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Motion made to finance the balance of the truck purchase through Berkshire Bank, while applying for the Municipal Equipment Loan Fund (due Oct. 15), with the possibility of transferring the balance if approved.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: Some discussions ensued regarding the logistics of these potential arrangements

- Result: Approved
- Motion made to sign the grant agreement for the Agency of Transportation Structures Grant for \$200,000.00 on the School Street Bridge.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- The Board unanimously approved to proceed with applying for speed sign permits.
- The Board unanimously supported sending a letter to the state requesting the extension of the no parking zone along route 30 extending onto School Street.
- The Board discussed the downed sign(s) on the intersection of Herrick Brook Road and Towslee Hill Road. The Board requested this be corrected.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:
 - Motion made to approve the outside consumption permit for Jadie Bean LLC.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Motion to approve first class restaurant/bar license for Mach's Market, LLC.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Motion to approve outside consumption permit for Mach's Market, LLC.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

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.
- Tax and Wastewater bills have been sent out.
- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #24008 for \$10,672.09 and Accounts Payable Warrant #24009 for \$55,010.35.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - 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:

- Light in vault has been replaced by Harley Cudney and Julie Mach. The efforts continue with necessary plan of action for the exterior lights.

K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- Julie Mach provided a report from the MSB, which included a summary of the July 2023 and August 2023 meetings.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Intoximeter – The Board began discussions regarding the Constable's request to purchase intoxicimeters, however needed more information. No decisions made.

9. New Business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared some information regarding the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. Devon Neary will be in attendance on 9/5 to address the Board and discuss next steps.
- Jessica addressed the Board regarding the possibility of applying for another Municipal Planning Grant. The scope of project funded by

this grant program could be to follow up on concepts discussed in the previous Municipal Planning Grant.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke to the ongoing evolution of technology of electric vehicles.

11. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:22pm.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2nd: Perry Brown
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.