

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
October 3, 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
Frank Nelson
Harley Cudney
Jay Leubke
Dolores Leubke
Nancy Morlino
Daniel Banyai

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:
 - Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees 1 V.S.A. § 313.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: None.
6. Announcements: There are open positions for the Highway Department. Please visit the Town website for details.
7. Reports:
- A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report:
- Nancy Morlino shared that there are 31 permits year to date.
 - Nancy also included additional pricing on the wide format printer that has been requested by the Town Office.
 - Motion made to authorize the purchase of the HP T830 printer for \$7629.21 with maintenance plan.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- PPC Chairwoman, Jessica Van Oort, presented a report to the Board:
 - The meeting held on 9/25 mostly consisted of revisions to the Town Plan. Revisions will continue and intentions are to have the Town plan update submitted to the Selectboard following the November meeting. Town revisions will need final approval by February.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- There will be a meeting with several members of the State regarding the no parking request along Route 30 near Mach's Market.
 - Jessica Van Oort obtained information regarding the potential funding of a new Town Garage.
- D. Assessor Report:
- No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Motion made to support PEG-TV's request to support the Vermont Access Network's efforts to gain stable and permanent funding for community access stations across the state.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort

- 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - The Board reviewed the notice of initial Act 250 filing.
- 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.
 - Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #24016 for \$10,622.43 and Accounts Payable Warrant #24017 for \$129,076.75.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
 - The Board reviewed the Municipal Equipment Loan Application, due October 15th. Seeing as the board already made a motion to purchase the Town truck, they unanimously supported Chairman Beecher signing the application.
- 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):
- Jill Marsano shared a report from July and August.
- J. Facilities Report:
- Mike Beecher relayed a quote for the evaporator needed for the heat in the Town Hall Auditorium.
 - Motion made to have Williams Mechanical purchase and install the new heaters in the Auditorium (\$2500.00) and WWTF (\$3850.00).
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - Jessica Van Oort shared that Meg Campbell from the VT Preservation Trust would like to visit the Town Hall and

Auditorium at 11:00am on Thursday 10/12 to check the status of both buildings.

K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- No report at this meeting.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared an update on the VOREC grant, which focused on the improvements on the parking areas near the D&H Rail Trail as well as the potential rehabilitation of the proposed welcome center.
 - Motion made to sign the contract with Marble Valley to complete an assessment and provide plans for the Welcome Center rehab project.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- Jessica Van Oort shared a report on the Municipal Assistance Program Grant, offering the status of this program.

9. New Business:

- Jessica Van Oort provided a summary and overview of the Otter Creek's CUD Report. VT's Broadband Board has approved the CUD's mission to bring high speed internet to Otter Creek CUD's towns. The areas which will be a part of the incoming wireless construction plan will cover all underserved or not currently served areas.

10. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson offered some input and suggestions about the Wastewater treatment facility.
- Jay Leubke offered complements to Town Attorney Merrill Bent for her efforts.
- Daniel Banyai addressed the Board.

11. Motion made to suspend the meeting at 7:47pm.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

12. Motion made to reconvene the meeting at 7:51pm

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort

- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees 1 V.S.A. § 313 at 7:51pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Perry Brown
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

13. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:32pm

- Mover: Perry Brown
- 2nd: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

14. Motion made to extend a job offer to a qualified applicant for one of the Highway Team Member positions.

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

15. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:34pm.

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