

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
September 19, 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

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 5, 2023, as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - 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:

- ZA, Nancy Morlino, shared a quote for the desired 36" wide printer. After reviewing the price, the Board decided to further investigate other options, such as leasing.

B. Planning Commission's Report:

- Jessica Van Oort attended the D&H Rail Trail meeting hosted by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, discussing the creation of a D&H Rail Trail Council. Jessica continued to share what this may look like for communities of which the rail trail travels through.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Highway Liaison, Rich Hulett, shared a report from the Highway Department.
 - American Rock Salt and Apalachee Salt provided pricing for winter sand.
 - Motion made to purchase winter salt from Apalachee Salt for \$89.50/ton, delivered.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - The fleet at the Highway Department will be undergoing winter maintenance and inspections.
 - The Town of Rupert has an upcoming paving project on a Pawlet/Rupert boarder line.
 - Motion made to have the portion of the roadway that is in Pawlet's jurisdiction paved to provide a smooth transition.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Perry Brown
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:
 - Deb has received a quote from Mountain Telecom, Inc. for a replacement phone system.
 - Deb received an email from ANR-ENB regarding activity within our town.
 - The Highway Foreman and Team Member positions have been posted to online channels and has been sent to Rutland Herald for publishing.

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 #24013 for \$9,453.67 and Accounts Payable Warrant #24014 for \$1,304,334.18.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- Motion made to authorize Julie Mach and Rich Hulett to sign the paperwork pertaining to the new Town Truck
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- The Budget meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall – agenda to follow.

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 to investigate heater repairs at WWTF and Town Hall – to be discussed at the next meeting.

K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- No report at this meeting.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Pawlet has been approved for the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). The Town Hall and Library will be assessed, and once assessments are complete, Pawlet will be in the running to receive funding to complete energy resilience projects.
- Jessica Van Oort will be meeting with Devon Neary (RRPC) to further discuss the Municipal Assistance Program.
- Jessica has further investigated the idea of applying for another Municipal Planning Grant to further look into the feasibility of development in West Pawlet.
 - The Board unanimously supported these efforts.

9. New Business: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Motion made to enter Executive Session at 7:50pm to discuss labor relations agreements with employees 1 V.S.A. § 313 at

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

12. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:35pm

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

13. Motion made to Adjourn at 8:37pm.

- Mover: Perry Brown
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort.
- Result: Approved.