

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
October 17, 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
Amy Thebault
Jackson Stoever
Jennier Sullivan
Joy Proft
Lauren Herbert
Nancy Morlino
Frank Nelson
Harley Cudney
Toddy Hayward
Doug Norton
Anita Pomerance
Robin Pomerance
Lyndsi Barnes
Colin Stabile
Bradley Myerson
Allen Turner
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman
David Ricard, Sr.
Val Davis
John Davis
Jill B.

Thomas Covino
Michelle Tilander
Paul Tilander

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a review of the Rules of Procedure.
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 October 3, 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.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report:
 - No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Highway Liaison, Rich Hulett, shared that roadway sign inventory has been completed. Replacement signs have been ordered; to be replaced in the coming weeks.
 - The Board received a written request from a resident to install a temporary sign at the intersection of Towslee Hill Rd. and Herrick Brook Rd. The Board determined to confirm whether or not this sign is on

order, and will revisit this request at the next meeting if necessary.

- Highway Liaison, Bob Jones, reported that a new windshield has been ordered for the 2018 Mack truck.
- Following a meeting with the State, lines indicating no parking zones were painted (by the State of VT) in the Rte. 30 & School St. intersection.
- The Highway Department continues to focus on winter prep, including grading, mowing and equipment maintenance.

D. Assessor Report:

- No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided a report for the Board:
 - A resident of Towslee Hill/Herrick Brook Road inquired about a replacement road sign.
 - The Board acknowledged the request for body cameras for the Constables. To be reviewed further and addressed at the next 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.
- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #24018 for \$7,453.17 and Accounts Payable Warrant #24019 for \$66,234.47.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- There will be a tax sale for several properties on November 1, 2023 at 12:00pm.
 - Motion made to authorize Bob Jones as the Selectboard's representative to be present at the tax sales.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None

- Result: Approved

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Emergency Management Director, Bob Morlino, shared a report with the Board, including a summary of meetings/conferences attended.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- Jill Marsano shared a report, including facility reports and updates, for 9/1/23-10/15/23. Chairman Beecher spoke to a few in-progress repair items.

J. Facilities Report:

- Harley Cudney shared that Meg Campbell of the VT Preservation Trust visited the Library and Town Hall and will be submitting a report following an overall pleasant and positive visit.

K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- No report at this meeting.

8. Old or unfinished business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared an update regarding the pedestrian accessibility grant. The engineering firm selected by the Board submitted a proposal which came in over budget. Currently working to negotiate the rate.

9. New Business:

- None

10. Public Comment:

- Colin Stabile spoke to signs on Towslee Hill Road.
- Michelle Tilander expressed gratitude to the Selectboard members.

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

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

13. Motion made to exit Executive Session with no decisions made at 8:29pm

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2nd: Perry Brown

- 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: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

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

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