

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Organizational Meeting Minutes - Following Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 7:00pm**  
**122 School Street & Virtually via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Jessica Van Oort  
Rich Hulett  
Brian Crossman  
Kristin Powers  
Deb Hawkins  
Harley Cudney  
Frank Nelson  
Mandy Hulett

**Event:**

1. At 7:04pm, Deb Hawkins swore in or affirmed, via the Vermont Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office
  - Brian Crossman and Jessica Van Oort, Selectboard (1 year)
  - Rich Hulett, Selectboard (3 years)
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with the pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion to appoint Mike Beecher as Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - 2nd: Bob Jones
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved
5. Motion made to appoint Bob Jones as Vice Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Rich Hulett
  - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
6. Motion made to appoint Mike Beecher and Jessica Van Oort as the liaisons to the West Pawlet Waste Water Treatment Facility.
  - Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Brian Crossman
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
8. Motion made to appoint Rich Hulett and Brian Crossman as the liaisons to the Town's Highway Department
  - Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort

- Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved
- 9.** Motion made to appoint Brian Crossman and Bob Jones as the liaisons to Buildings & Development.
- Mover: Rich Hulett
  - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
- 10.** Motion made to appoint Jessica Van Oort as the liaison to the Treasurer's and Assessor's Offices.
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved
- 11.** Motion made to appoint the following individuals/entities to their one-year term positions listed below (and on page 7 of the 2023 Annual Town Report):
- Atty. Merrill Bent – Town Attorney
  - Bradley Myerson – Grand Juror
  - Platt Herrick, Jr. – Fence Viewer
  - Robert Morlino –Emergency Management Director
  - Jennifer Sullivan – Public Health Officer
  - Tim Waite – Inspector of Coal, Wood, Shingles & Lumber, and Weigher of Coal & Tree Warden
  - Frank Nelson – Energy Coordinator
  - Bob Jones – Pound Keeper for Large Animals
  - David Ricard, Sr. & Tom Covino – Pound Keeper for Small Animals
  - The Selectboard – Liquor & Tobacco Control Board and Sewer Commissioners & Local Cannabis Commission
  - Lennie Gibson – Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Representative
  - Julie Mach – Tax Collector
  - The Rutland Herald – Official News Publication
    - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved
- 12.** Motion made to reappoint Nancy Morlino as Zoning Administrator (2 year).
- a. Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
  - c. Discussion: None
  - d. Result: Approved
- 13.** Motion made to reappoint Jessica Van Oort and Frank Nelson to the Planning Commission (3-year terms).
- Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.

**15.** Motion made to reappoint Jon Weiss (2 year), Gary Baierlein (3 year), Brian Rawls (2 year), James Glick (1 year alternate) and John Sabotka (1 year alternate) to the Development Review Board.

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

**16.** Motion made to appoint John Sabotka as primary representative and Harley Cudney as the alternate representative from Pawlet to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

- Mover: Jessica Van Oort
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.

**17.** Motion made to reappoint Jessica Van Oort as the local representative to the Otter Creek Communications Union District.

- Mover: Brian Crossman
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Jones
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

**17.** Motion made to adopt the Selectboard Rules of Procedure.

Mover: Jessica Van Oort

2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Crossman

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

**18.** Public Comment:

- Conversation ensued amongst the Board and Body regarding miscellaneous items happening within town, with no decisions made.
- Harley Cudney inquired about the possibility of getting a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- Jessica Van Oort acknowledged the results of the ballot item pertaining to the Mettowee Park.
- The Board discussed the state-wide news regarding school budgets following Town Meeting Day.

**19.** Motion made to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.