

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, April 22, 2024 7:30pm**  
**Meeting at townhall and**  
**via Zoom platform**

**Members present:**

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson  
John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson  
Rik Sassa, Clerk/Secretary  
Frank Nelson  
Mark Frost  
Gary Baierlein  
Harley Cudney  
Nancy Morlino (Pawlet Zoning Administrator)  
Wayne Clarke (Alternate member)

**Members absent:**

**Item 1. Call to Order:**

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda Items- Review/Add/Delete:**

Agenda as is with Frank adding energy event discussion after rail trail recap.

**Item 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:**

John Sabotka moved to approve last minutes, Mark Frost seconded, all approved.

**Item 4. Zoning Administrator's Report- Nancy Morlino:**

Nancy Morlino reported that the STR ordinance was approved by the Selectboard. Next step is an appeal process time frame then 6 months until adoption in town. Nancy identified about 14 properties that have storage containers that have not obtained permits based upon their usage as storage buildings. They will have a grace period to pay fees before fines are attached. The current bylaw/zoning requirements for a temporary storage container are; no permit required for up to a year's use. More than a year then the container's square footage is calculated as a permanent structure that does require a permit.

**Item 5. Rutland Regional Commission Report- John Sabotka and Harley Cudney:**

John reported that he did not attend the meeting but made a copy of the minutes. One of the larger items was that the commission will be moving to a new location on Evelyn Street in the fall. Also, there will be a meeting to discuss the open meeting laws on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, a couple more towns got their town plans approved.

**Item 6. Otter Creek Communications Union District Report and Municipal Planning Grant Report- Jessica Van Oort:**

No quorum at the meeting so the meeting did not take place. Jessica said the town is still on schedule to get high speed build out this coming summer. Someone from the build out contractor will meet with the Selectboard in coming months to schedule with road manager. Frank wondered if all the people on the sewer line in West Pawlet could do a combined sewer/high speed internet price which could possibly be lower for individual households.

Energy event: Frank explained that there is a YouTube video that explains all about the Flur cameras that the town just purchased with grant monies. The question is would the planning commission be okay with a May 4<sup>th</sup> event to show off cameras to the public and explain how they can be available to townspeople. There will be someone from Efficiency Vermont at the event as well. The commission supported the decision to have an event.

**Item 7. Public comments:**

No other members of the public were present.

**Item 8. On-going Business:**

Jessica led the commission through the bylaw revisions that have previously been made to find any additional corrections to wording etc. Gary made a motion to approve revised bylaws and to schedule a hearing for them and all appropriate steps for a repeal hearing, Rik seconded , all approved and the motion passed.

**Item 9. Set Agenda for next meeting**

Call to Order 7:30 2. Approval of Agenda Items - Review/Add/Delete 7:31 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 7:33 4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Nancy Morlino 7:35 5. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report 7:40 6. Otter Creek Communications Union District Report and

Municipal Planning Grant report 7:45 7. Public Comments 7:50 8. On-going Business: Bylaws Updates continued 8:00 9. Set Agenda for the next meeting 8:55 10. Adjournment 9:00

**Item 11. Adjournment:**

**Harley motioned for adjournment and Rik seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm**

**Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk PPC**