

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, May 27, 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

Harley Cudney

Wayne Clarke

Nancy Morlino (Pawlet Zoning Administrator)

**Members absent:**

Gary Baierlein

**Item 1. Call to Order:**

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

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

Agenda is to focus only on finishing the Bylaws, approve repeal reports (in response to petition) and addition of report on mini grant from Frank.

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

Harley Cudney moved to approve last minutes, Mark Frost seconded, all approved.

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

Nancy's report was suspended due to shortened holiday meeting agenda.

Frank spoke about the mini grant for the cameras, printing, etc.. He covered the expenses to date and the remaining balance as well as additional expenses anticipated. There will be around \$1100 that can be used on the next energy event . Harley moved that the committee approve an additional expenditure of \$100 for additional printing. John seconded, all approved.

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

John's report was suspended to focus on shortened holiday agenda.

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

This part of meeting was skipped to focus on shortened holiday agenda.

**Item 7. Public comments:**

No public comments due to focus of the meeting and the lack of additional public at the meeting.

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

Jessica led the committee in going through the Bylaw changes around required state statutes, parking, etc, as well as proposals for connecting the Bylaws to reflect the values of the town plan. There will be a hearing regarding any changes that will be made to the newest revised version of the town Bylaws. Jessica also explained the report she wrote on the zoning ordinance Bylaw repeal. The petition to repeal the Bylaws involved at least 5% of the town's population which made it a valid petition therefore the town needed to respond.

A cover letter was formulated by the commission to go with the repeal report. Harley moved to approve the two reports as well as the cover letters to accompany reports, Mark seconded the motion all approved.

The July PPC meeting will be the hearing for repeal and a second hearing (on the same evening, though warned separately) on the amendments.

Wayne commented on the necessity to address potential problems upstream that might affect the flood corridor (water shed) that runs through town.

Frank was looking for an alternate for the Rail Trail committee.

**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:**

**Frank motioned for adjournment, Mark seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**

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