

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, August 26, 2024 7:30pm**  
**Meeting at Town Hall and**  
**via Zoom platform**

**Members present:**

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson  
John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson  
Rik Sassa, Clerk/Secretary  
Frank Nelson  
Gary Baierlein  
Mark Frost  
Harley Cudney

**Members absent:**

Wayne Clarke  
Nancy Morlino (Pawlet Zoning Administrator)

**Item 1. Call to Order:**

Jessica called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

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

The agenda is regular current business.

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

Harley Cudney moved to approve last minutes, Gary Baierlein seconded, all approved.

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

Nancy was not present at the meeting for report.

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

No meetings to report on.

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

Jessica reported that building broadband in West Pawlet is going on right now. Fidium Fiber hopes to make it live in homes in September.

Rail Trail council report: Frank said that a former mayor of Salem, NY, Tom Clark was against the rail trail due to improper right of ways from the past.

Jessica said the grant money with Rupert would be used for a bench and other amenities on the corner of Egg street or next to the sewer plant. There will be a meeting on August 29 at 5pm to determine where the items might go.

Frank noted that the excess money that will be used for amenities cannot go on the Rail Trail since Vtrans owns that property and has complicated stipulations if anyone puts things on their property.

**Item 7. Public comments:**

No public present for comment.

**Item 8. Old Business:**

Frank went back to the bylaws for a correction regarding subdivision.

**Item 9: New Business:**

Jessica spoke about work on the enhanced energy plan that is close to being done. Frank wanted to add some conservation information into the enhanced energy plan.

The commission had a conversation about cell coverage and how to proceed about improving it.

Harley mentioned about the town garage and the funding involved.

**Item 10: Agenda for next meeting:**

It was decided that the next meeting would be to finish the Enhanced Energy Plan

Gary moved to adjourn, Mark seconded and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rik Sassa, Treasurer/Clerk PPC