

**Final Minutes**  
**SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET**  
March 5, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Pawlet Town Hall  
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT  
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Jessica Van Oort  
Tom Collard  
Rich Hulett

Others in Attendance:

PEG-TV  
Kristin Powers  
Frank Nelson  
Linda Lynton  
Sue Laporte  
Cori Rail  
Nancy Morlino  
Lauren Herbert  
Hannah Herbert

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:06pm by Chairman, Mike Beecher, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a summary of the Selectboard's Rules of Procedure.
2. Introduction of those present, virtually and in person.
3. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items.
  - a. Additions: MERP Update
  - b. Deletions: Town Property Surveying
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
  - Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025 as printed.
    - Mover: Rich Hulett

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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: No report at this meeting.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- Interim Chairman, Frank Nelson, shared a brief report.
    - The Board and body acknowledged the contributions made by John Sabotka, whom the Town recently lost.
    - Mr. Nelson spoke to the current state of the commission, including current vacancies and the plan for the upcoming meeting, which includes the org. meeting.
    - Mr. Collard inquired about the Enhanced Energy Plan.
- C. Road Foreman's Report: No report at this meeting
- D. Assessor Report: No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a memo with the Board:
    - A concerned citizen reported that the faceplate on the West Pawlet monument is starting to fall off.
    - One letter of interest for the Planning Commission
    - Six excess weight permits signed by Bob Jones.
    - The Town Hall was issued a Conveyance of Operation for the elevator, with violations.
    - Voter participation was 28% on the 3/4/25 election, compared to 34% in 2024, 32% in 2023, 32% in 2022.
    - Several doors in the Town Hall need attention.
- 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 Accounts Payable Warrant #25054 for \$51,865.72 Payroll Warrant #25053 for \$15,284.85.
    - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved.

- VLCT has a new series of webinars called Money Matters, of which Ms. Mach has been attending.
  - The Town received the reimbursement on the North Pawlet Road Grant.
- G. Emergency Management Director's Report: No report at this meeting.
- H. Health Officer's Report:
- Jennifer Sullivan reported that the trash burning issue in West Pawlet is ongoing, and the State is planning enforcement measures. Ms. Sullivan continued to share that municipalities have the authority to enact more stringent ordinances for issues such as trash burning.
- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF): No report at this meeting, however Mr. Beecher shared that some repairs have taken place on the heater. Ms. Van Oort attended a meeting for the WWTF improvements. An upcoming meeting will help to determine how the Town would like to proceed.
- J. Facilities Report: No report at this meeting.
- K. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report: No report at this meeting.
8. Old or unfinished business:
- Weather Cameras – The Board wishes to review updated quotes, and will continue discussions.
  - MERP – Jessica Van Oort shared that Rutland Regional Planning Commission has offered to be grant administrator.
    - Motion made to select Rutland Regional Planning Commission to act as the grant administrator.
      - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
      - Discussion: Frank Nelson raised a question about cost.
      - Result: Approved
9. New Business:
- Selectboard Assistant Computer
    - Motion made to approve a computer purchase between \$1200.00 & \$1500.00.
      - Mover: Tom Collard
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica Van Oort
      - Discussion: None
      - Result: Approved

- Proposed Nature Conservancy Purchase – Mr. Beecher shared that the details of this transaction are currently confidential.

10. Public comment:

- Sue LaPorte thanked the Selectboard and voters of Pawlet for their confidence in her and for appointing then voting her in to a role on the Pawlet Library Board.

11. Motion made to adjourn at 7:37pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved