

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Organizational Meeting Minutes - Following Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2025**  
**122 School Street & Virtually via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Jessica Van Oort  
Rich Hulett  
Tom Collard  
Kristin Powers  
Deb Hawkins  
Frank Nelson  
Sue LaPorte  
Linda Lynton  
Cori Rail

**Event:**

1. At 7:38pm, Deb Hawkins swore in or affirmed, via the Vermont Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office
  - Mike Beecher (3 year), Jessica Van Oort & Tom Collard, Selectboard (1 year)
  - Cori Rail, Library Trustee
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:42pm with the pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion to appoint Mike Beecher as Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Bob Jones
  - 2nd: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved
5. Motion made to appoint Bob Jones as Vice Chair of the Selectboard.
  - Mover: Tom Collard
  - 2nd: Rich Hulett
  - 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: Rich Hulett
  - 2nd: Tom Collard
  - Discussion: None
  - Result: Approved.
8. Motion made to appoint Rich Hulett and Bob Jones as the liaisons to the Town's Highway Department.
  - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
  - 2nd: Tom Collard
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved

**9.** Motion made to appoint Tom Collard & Jessica Van Oort as the liaisons to Buildings & Development.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

**10.** Motion made to appoint Jessica Van Oort as the liaison to the Treasurer's and Assessor's Offices.

- Mover: Rich Hulett
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

**11.** Motion made to appoint the following individuals/entities to their one-year term positions listed below (and on page 6 of the 2024 Annual Town Report):

- Atty. Merrill Bent – Town Attorney
- Edgar Cleveland – 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
- 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

**13.** Motion made to reappoint Rik Sassa and Mark Frost (3 year) and appoint Linda Lynton (to finish vacant term ending 2027) to the Planning Commission.

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

**15.** Motion made to reappoint Tom Kroeber (2 year), and appoint Leon Corey (1 year alternate) to the Development Review Board.

- Mover: Rich Hulett
- 2nd: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved.

**16.** No appointments made for primary representative or alternate representative from Pawlet to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council to allow for the PPC to hold their organizational meeting.

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

- Mover: Tom Collard
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

18. Motion made to reappoint Frank Nelson to D&H Rail Trail Council.

- Mover: Frank Nelson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved

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

Mover: Rich Hulett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard

Discussion: None

Result: Approved

18. Public Comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke to the MERP grant, and inquired about committee members/liasons.

19. Motion made to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

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