

Town of Pawlet
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, 28 February 2025 7:30pm

Members present:

Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk
John Sabotka, Vice Chairperson
Frank Nelson
Gary Baierlein
Harley Cudney
Mark Frost
Nancy Morlino, Pawlet Zoning Administrator

Members absent:

Jessica Van Oort, Chairperson
Wayne Clark (alternate member)
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Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order 7:37

2. Approval of Agenda Items - Review/Add/Delete

- No changes

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Harley Cudney moved to approve previous minutes, Rik Sassa seconded, all approved.

4. Zoning Administrator's Report – Nancy Morlino

- 4 new permits to date. She wanted to bring up accessory dwelling units, an ADU which is capped at 900sq ft (if going by the 30% it would be higher but the bylaws cap at 900sq ft). The concern was that the bylaws have just been revised. Also permits for swimming pools that are not required currently. The feeling was to stay away from permit requirements for pools.

5. Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) Report – John Sabotka

- RRPC are working with MERP people, Rutland regional will be calling on local communities to draft future planning. Survey for 2026 is finishing up.

6. Otter Creek Communications Union District Report and Municipal Planning Grant Report – Ms. Van Oort

- nothing to report on OCCUD.
- Frank Nelson had nothing to report on the rail trail planning group. Vtrans is very difficult to work with, slow progress.

7. Public Comments

- None

8. On-going Business:

- Frank spoke about the flur camera demonstration regarding what the historic preservation trust people would allow at the onset to see if an exception was needed to do energy improvements. Gary Baierlein made a motion to make Frank the emissary from the PPC to the MERP project managed by the Selectboard, Harley seconded, all approved.
- Rik nominated Frank to be an interim chairperson for the next meeting since Jessica has left the seat to review new members and new positions on the board as well as changing to the technology to coordinate the meetings.
- Jessica will remain on the OCCUD

9. On-going Business:

10. Set Agenda for the next meeting

- Rik moved to elect officers right after approval of previous meeting's minutes, otherwise normal agenda. Harley seconded, all approved.

11. Adjournment

- Moved to adjourn: Gary moved to adjourn, Harley seconded and all approved. Adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted, Rik Sassa Secretary/Clerk