

Town of Pawlet
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025 7:30pm

Members present:

Ed Evans, Chairperson
Annie Nash, Vice Chairperson
Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk
Leon Corey
Frank Nelson
Gary Baierlein
Mark Frost
Nancy Morlino, Pawlet Zoning Administrator

Members absent:

Linda Lynton

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order 7:40

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

Annie Nash moved to approve the agenda, Gary Baierlein seconded, all approved. No changes

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Gary moved to approve previous minutes, Rik Sassa seconded, all approved.

4. Organizational: Zoning

- Nancy Morlino said there have been 23 permits to date. She brought to the board's attention Barbara Moore's parcel in Pawlet. Due to zoning regulations Barbara will keep a 5 acre parcel, some of which will be on the other side of the road and the remainder will be put into the Vermont land trust. The question for the board was does she have to keep the full 5 acres or could it be less. The general consensus was that setting a precedent for this particular piece of property (there were some issues that might be problematic in the future) would not be prudent.
- Linda Lynton's report was postponed due to her not being present
- Frank Nelson reported that the rail trail survey is coming up and there is still some question about the name being changed to avoid conflict with other D and H title.

- The Rutland Regional Plan was sent out by Ed Evans and it didn't seem to directly impact the board on any particular issue.
- Energy resilience grant. Jessica Van Oort is the main point person on that. Frank said that Jeremy, who had been working on it, resigned and Jessica is moving some of the information so the board has access to it.
- Enhanced energy plan. Ed said he met with Jessica regarding that. They filled in the template and it was kicked back due to the wrong template being used. Devon was the new person then Devon went on maternity leave and Mary Kay picked up the ball and a replacement for Jeremy is being found. Currently we can work through Mary Kay. Nancy wondered if Jeremy was paid to do the template. Nancy will look into whether he was paid.

5. Public Comments

- There were some materials left from John Sabotka that Ed, Nancy and Julie will go through to see what is relevant for the new chairperson.
- Annie wondered what was going on with the rec. park. Nancy said it failed on the town ballots so it goes back to the farmers.
- Frank mentioned that the legislature has come up with new open meeting laws which will be finalized and sent to the towns eventually.
- Ed had a question about how to deliver information regarding emails and not going against open meeting laws. Frank and Gary clarified that there cannot be discussion via email. Adding agenda items via email are fine.
- Annie said she gets so many emails that it would be helpful to have what the subject of the email is rather than just the address.

6. Set Agenda for the next meeting

- updates on various meetings
- Update in two weeks on EEP.
- Public comment.
- All else remains the same.

11. Adjournment

- Rik moved to adjourn, Gary seconded and all approved. Adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted, Rik Sassa Secretary/Clerk

