

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
July 22, 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
Julie Mach
Frank Nelson
Sue LaPorte
Linda Lynton
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Nancy Morlino
Lauren Herbert
Mark Gutel
Deb Hawkins

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:00pm 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: None.
 - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2025, as printed.

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

5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: None.

6. Announcements:

- The Library Book sale is this weekend.

7. Reports to the Board:

A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report: No report at this meeting.

B. Planning Commission's Report: No report at this meeting.

C. Road Foreman's Report:

- Highway Foreman, James Greeno, provided a report:
 - Throughout the past two weeks the Highway Dept. has:
 - Completed the D&H Rail Trail rest area project In West Pawlet, Bauer Rd. project, installed speed signs on Button Falls Rd., continued roadside mowing, maintained trucks, equipment and shop, ditched & completed shoulder work on Towslee Hill & Waite Hill Rds., installed "Welcome to Vermont" sign at NY/VT boarder on Button Falls Rd.
 - Upcoming projects to include:
 - Berm bust under guardrail on Rte 153, clean culverts and clear shoulders on Rte 153 and River Rd Bridge, unclog culverts on Heatherington & Rte 153, and ditch & conduct shoulder work on Chet Clark Rd.
 - The Request for Proposals has been generated for the Rte 153 paving project and a request has been made to have it posted to the Town site. The RFP will also be sent to local paving companies for review.

D. Assessor Report: No report at this meeting, however Frank Nelson inquired when there would be boots on the ground for the reappraisal process. The Board did not have information on this at this time.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, share a memo with the Board:

- Motion made to approve Department of Liquor & Lottery Application (Renewals) for Jadie Bean LLC (Barn Restaurant & Tavern) – App #62927, 62926, 62925.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

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.
- Ms. Mach brought the policies, approved at the last meeting, for the Board to sign.
- A new printer has been purchased for the Treasurer's Office following issues for the old printer which would have cost more to repair than to replace.
- The Treasurer's Office will be closed to the public next week in order to process tax bills.
- Julie Mach shared an update on current investments with the Board.
 - Motion made to approve the investment strategy proposed by Town Treasurer, Julie Mach.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
- Motion made to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #26006 for \$26,697.24 and Payroll Warrant #26005 for \$10,926.75.
 - Mover: Tom Collard
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- Julie Mach brought tax rates for the Board to review.
 - Motion made to approve the tax rates recommended by Treasurer, Julie Mach: General Fund rate of .3836, Highway Fund rate of .3414, and Local rate of .0068.

- Mover: Rich Hulett
- 2nd: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved
- Motion made to approve the Wastewater rates recommended by Treasurer, Julie Mach: Rate of \$1071.39, with installments of \$267.85.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Rich Hulett
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

G. Emergency Management Director's Report: No report at this meeting.

H. Health Officer's Report: No report at this meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- Mike Beecher shared that VTUMS shared their usual reports and all look good.

J. Facilities Report:

- Tom Collard will be meeting with Clint Hazelton to go over projects at the Town Hall and Library.
- Julie Mach shared another area on the porch of the Town Hall that needs attention.

8. Reports to the Public:

A. Library Board Report: Book sale this weekend!

B. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report: No report at this meeting.

9. Old or unfinished business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared that the Board should anticipate a contract from the MERP project.
- Jessica shared that she would like to share information gathered at a training attended re: ordinances.
- Nancy Morlino shared that a meeting is scheduled with a resident of Robinson Hill Rd. regarding road maintenance near Solar Park intersection.

10. New Business:

- Fund Allocation for the sale of scrap metals and Town equipment:
 - Motion made to authorize the Highway Foreman, in conjunction with the Highway Liaisons, to sell miscellaneous surplus equipment valued under \$1000.00. Earnings to be allocated to the equipment fund.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved.

11. Public comment:

- Frank Nelson shared an update on the Secretary of State's Open Meeting Law.

12. Motion made to adjourn at 7:39pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved