

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

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order 7:36

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

● No changes to agenda, Frank Nelson moved to accept, Annie Nash seconded, all approved.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Annie moved to approve previous minutes, Mark Frost seconded, all approved.

4. Organizational: Zoning

● Nancy had nothing to report.

● Linda Lynton was unable to attend the RRPC meeting and will update the commission at next meeting.

● Frank reported that during two rail trail meetings there has been a lot of interest in the various trails and the missing piece between Poultney and West Pawlet. Once everything is ironed out there will be an avenue all the way up to Montreal. Ed wondered about a time line. There was no specific time line.

● Ed thought the Energy resilience grant could be pulled off PPC agenda since Jessica is the main point person on that. Mark made a motion to table Gary Baierlein seconded, all approved.

- Update on the Enhanced energy plan. Ed said the funding comes from a grant and there is no cost to the town. The RRPC holds the funds and releases them as needed. Devon is the new contact person at RRPC and will be ready to proceed soon. Ed would like to see this process closed up in the next 3 to 6 months. Gary wondered if the public service board could still trump us as they have in the past. Frank said the public service board needs to listen to the towns that have substantial deference. Gary's opinion was that it was a smoke and mirror show by the state since they will do what they want anyway, as they have done in the past.

5. Public Comments

- None
- Nancy Morlino wanted to have a discussion about the Labas property in West Pawlet. The house is suspected to be a drug house and the police have been involved multiple times. Nancy said there has been talk about zoning etc and enforcement of issues. Nancy and the board was aware of not wanting to get sucked into the controversy. It is a police issue, not a zoning/planning issue.
- Frank made a motion to invite Devon to be a speaker via zoom. Ed was concerned that he did not want to overwhelm Devon just yet since he is new to the position and he is the third person in that role in a short amount of time. The motion was amended by Frank to not have a time frame, but to invite Devon when the time seemed right, Gary seconded, all approved.

6. Set Agenda for the next meeting

- updates on various meetings
- On going business .
- Public comment.
- All else remains the same.

11. Adjournment

- Mark moved to adjourn, Annie seconded and all approved. Adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted, Rik Sassa Secretary/Clerk