

**Final Minutes**  
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET  
September 2, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Pawlet Town Hall  
122 School Street, Pawlet, VT  
& Virtually via Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher  
Bob Jones  
Tom Collard  
Rich Hulett

Others in Attendance:

PEG-TV  
Kristin Powers  
Frank Nelson  
Sue LaPorte  
Nancy Morlino  
Ray Duquette  
Tom Collard  
Bob & Martha Schoenemann  
Annie Nash

**EVENT**

1. Call to order at 7:01pm 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: Approval of position posting for the Town.
  - b. Deletions: None.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
  - Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2025, with a correction to Section 8. A, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet.
    - Mover: Tom Collard
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett

- Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: None.
6. Announcements: None.
7. Reports to the Board:
- A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report:
- Nancy Morlino shared that she attended the Planning Commission meeting last week, and a DRB meeting has been scheduled for next week for a contractor's yard.
- B. Planning Commission's Report:
- Annie Nash shared a report:
    - The PPC provided two names of representatives for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Municipal Energy Resilience Program (RRPC MERP) mini grant. Reps are Frank Nelson and Linda Lynton.
- C. Road Foreman's Report:
- Highway Foreman, James Greeno, provided a report to the Board, summarizing projects completed during the previous two weeks as well as upcoming areas of focus.
    - Motion made to purchase 6 batteries for the radar speed signs.
      - Mover: Rich Hulett
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
      - Discussion: None
      - Result: Approved
  - Motion made to approve the Road and Bridge Standards.
    - Mover: Bob Jones
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved
- D. Assessor Report: No report at this meeting.
- E. Town Clerk's Memo:
- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, share a memo with the Board:
    - Bob Jones signed one excess weight permit.
    - The Town Clerk's office will be closed 9/15 & 9/16 for the VMCTA conference.
- 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.
- Taxes have steadily been coming in, both property and waste water. Taxes are due 9/10 by close of business.
- Motion made to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #26014 for \$9,880.99 and Payroll Warrant #26013 for \$9,135.69.
  - Mover: Tom Collard
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
  - Discussion: None.
  - Result: Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Emergency Mgt. Director, Bob Morlino, shared an electronic report:
  - R. Morlino with Bill Jones (VEM Southern Coordinator) to discuss "Binary Blizzard" exercise on October 22.

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

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF): No report at this meeting.

J. Facilities Report:

- Tom Collard shared that the Board received an email from a resident in Town expressing concern regarding weeds growing around the Town Hall. Mr. Collard cleaned up the weeds directly around the utility equipment. Discussions ensued regarding property ownership in this area.
  - Mr. Duquette shared his understanding that the neighbors of the Town Hall own the property behind the Town Hall. Mr. Collard to contact the neighbors.
- Mr. Collard shared that he was successful in having one company provide a quote thus far for necessary work on the Town buildings. Hoping for 1-2 bids by next meeting.

8. Reports to the Public:

A. Library Board Report: No report at this meeting.

B. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report:

- a. Julie Mach shared a report from the MSB, summarizing the events and happenings at the most recent school board meeting.

9. Old or unfinished business:

- Turkey Marker:

- The Board learned that VTrans and the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife will need to work together to determine the process of posting the marker on state-owned property.
  - Motion made to proceed to connecting the two state entities to have the marker posted on the state-owned property near the West Pawlet Rail Trail entrance.
    - Mover: Tom Collard
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved

10. New Business:

- The Board reviewed a job description for the Part Time Grant Administrator/Office Assistant Position.
  - Motion made to post this position:
    - Mover: Rich Hulett
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Collard
    - Discussion: None
    - Result: Approved.

11. Public comment:

- Frank Nelson spoke to the subject of the property behind the Town Hall.
- Ray Duquette expressed concerns for recent work performed to the shoulders on River Road and Rte 153.

12. Motion made to adjourn at 7:32pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich Hulett
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved