

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
August 5, 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
Frank Nelson
Lenny Gibson
Linda Lynton
Sue LaPorte
Nancy Morlino
Deb H.
David Sausville
Mark Gutel

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:02pm 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: Lenny Gibson – Pre-Requested Appearances.
 - b. Deletions: Ordinance Information, to be shared at next meeting.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
 - Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2025, with an edit to an item mentioned in old/unfinished business.

- Mover: Rich Hulett
- 2nd: Tom Collard
- Discussion: None.
- Result: Approved.

5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors:

- Lenny Gibson addressed the posting of a “private road” sign posted at the top of Robinson Hill Road, which Mr. Gibson believes to be a town-owned roadway. Also acknowledged the presence of a dog seemingly without tags. Mr. Gibson requested the signs be removed, and that the dog’s registration be addressed.
 - ZA Morlino confirmed the registration of the dog within it’s state of full-time residence.
 - The Board acknowledged Mr. Gibson’s concerns with no decisions made at this meeting.

6. Announcements: None.

7. Reports to the Board:

A. Zoning Administrator’s (ZA) Report:

- No permits issued since last month.

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

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.
- Paving Bids:
 - The Selectboard received three sealed bids for the Rte 153 paving project. Bids were submitted by Peckham Industries, Wilk Paving, Pike, and Fuller Sand & Gravel.
 - Motion made to accept Wilk Paving’s bid to complete the project at \$83.77/ton for an estimated 3100 tons, a total of \$259,687.00. Estimated start date of October 6, 2025.
 - Mover: Rich Hulett
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - 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:

- Petitions and consent of candidate forms left at Board members seats.

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.
- Tax bills have been sent, and payments are beginning to come in.
- Motion made to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #26008 for \$36,121.19 and Payroll Warrant #26007 for \$14,058.66.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report:

- Emergency Mgt Director, Bob Morlino, submitted a report to the Board:
 - Mr. Morlino attended the local emergency management planning committee (LEPC) meeting virtually on July 15th.

H. Health Officer's Report:

- Jennifer Sullivan reported two animal bites in West Pawlet (one dog, one cat).

I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF):

- No report at this meeting, however Jessica Van Oort shared that the Town did not receive the congressional funding for the Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- Rich Hulett mentioned that the Highway Dept. should connect with the WWTF to ensure the manholes are in strong condition prior to paving.

J. Facilities Report:

- Tom Collard shared that the Town still needs to secure a contractor to perform the work at the Town Hall and Library.
 - If anyone knows of any licensed contractor to perform repair on clapboards, porch support, Library windows, mortar, and roof, please contact the Town of Pawlet at pawletselectboard@gmail.com.

8. Reports to the Public:

A. Library Board Report:

The Library book sale was last week and was very successful. Many wonderful volunteers. The Library Board will be meeting next week.

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

9. Old or unfinished business:

- Jessica Van Oort shared that a contract for the MERP grant is forthcoming.

10. New Business: None.

11. Public comment:

- Frank Nelson shared an update on the Open Meeting Law.

12. Motion made to adjourn at 7:41pm.

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