

Town of Pawlet
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2025 7:30pm

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Leon Corey (alternate member)

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order 7:38

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

- No changes to agenda, Gary Baierlein moved to accept, Annie Nash seconded, all approved.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

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

4. Organizational: Zoning

- Nancy Morlino said most recent zoning is on the board in town hall and she indicated where some previous material from Planning Commission activities are located. Ed Evans asked about any updates on supposed drug house in West Pawlet. Nancy had no new information on that. Frank Nelson said the health officer has gotten involved.
- Linda Lynton had no new information on delegates for RRPC. Ed wondered whether we need to elect an alternate delegate. Linda said the meetings are also online. Annie proposed that this be removed from the agenda, all agreed.
- Linda said the land use commission will send information on land use map to the towns possibly by January. Nancy thought the biggest impact was in the villages. Linda also said that Fair Haven has in the works a 40 megawatt solar field.

- Frank reported that there was a state rail trail meeting in Castleton that discussed the economics of proceeding with a comprehensive rail trail. Also a possibility of West Pawlet connecting with the unimproved sections of the New York rail trail that could create a tourism boon for West Pawlet since it would be an artery for biking and horseback riding as well as snowmobiling in winter.
- Ed said that Jessica was looking for a few people from the Library Committee and two from the PPC (Frank being one already). Linda offered to be the second member on the committee.
- Update on the Enhanced energy plan. Ed read from an email from the executive director of RRPC to the commission. The email suggested that there would be no help until 2026. In lieu of the email Ed recommended that the issue be tabled until Dec of 2025.

5. Public Comments

- None
- Frank spoke about the open meeting law meeting that he will be going to soon. Frank said there are many sub groups that are involved in this open meeting law looking for more inclusion. Frank included that it was an open meeting and any one could attend via zoom.

6. Set Agenda for the next meeting

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

11. Adjournment

- Mark moved to adjourn, Gary seconded and all approved. Adjourned at 8:06

Respectfully submitted, Rik Sassa Secretary/Clerk