

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
February 3, 2026
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 - absent

Others in Attendance:

PEG-TV
Julie Mach
Sue LaPorte
Deb Hawkins - virtual
Frank Nelson
Rose Smith
Chris Pritchard - virtual
Kevin Mason - virtual
Linda Lynton - virtual
Robin Pomerance - virtual
Tom Covino

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm 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 January 20, 2026 as printed.
 - Mover: Tom Collard
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.

5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: Rose Smith and Chris Pritchard regarding Pawlet's wild turkey marker. Metal replica of bronze plaque at West Pawlet rail trail, original is on loan to Town for display and education to be located at discretion of Select Board in either Town Hall or Library. April 18, 2026 dedication ceremony scheduled in West Pawlet at Rail Trail. Rose presented a concurrent resolution, thanks to Representative Chris Pritchard, honoring the town for its role in wild turkey reintroduction. Pawlet should be proud!

6. Announcements: None.

7. Reports to the Board:

A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report: Nothing to 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 to the Board, summarizing projects completed during the previous two weeks as well as upcoming areas of focus.

D. Assessor Report: No report at this meeting.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, shared a report with the Board:
 - Ballots are currently being printed for Town Meeting Day, the Town Report is in production and soon to be sent to the printer. Absentee ballot requests are coming in steadily. Dog licensing is under way.

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.
- Motion made to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #26043 for \$18,818.38 and Payroll Warrant #26044 for \$50,813.63.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard

- 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): None

J. Facilities Report: No report at this meeting. Library ceiling has been repaired.

8. Reports to the Public:

A. Library Board Report: None

B. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report: None

9. Old or unfinished business: None

10. New Business: Bob Jones mentioned that he is working with Constable Covino to address public concerns regarding animals in the cold weather.

11. Public comment: Frank Nelson mentioned an update to the Rail Trail counsel, Pawlet is still looking for an alternate to the Rail Trail Counsel.

12. Motion made to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

- Mover: Bob Jones
- 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
- Discussion: None
- Result: Approved