

**Town of Pawlet**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, March 23, 2026 7:30pm**

**Members present:**

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

**Members absent:**

1. Call to Order 7:36

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

- add update on Act 1821. Mark Frost moved to approve the agenda, Gary Baierlein seconded, all agreed.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Frank Nelson moved to approve previous minutes, Leon Corey seconded , all approved.

4. Organizational:

- Nancy said there were a few un-permitted construction projects going in town. Nancy mentioned that someone from the Selectboard should be on the Transportation committee in Rutland (to sit in on meetings).
- Rail trail, Frank Nelson: no new information
- Leon spoke about weight limits on town roads. He felt that when the town puts up the posted signs it involves quite a bit of time and legality and the maximum fine is only \$100. He thought that if the \$4800 fine was used it might get more adherence. He felt like there was no real plan involved in the town at the moment regarding posting the roads when needed. Leon wanted to come up with a clear written guideline that could be given to each new road commissioner. Ideally the roads that need posting should be updated on the state website on a regular basis. The town constable has the

authority to pull over trucks and instruct drivers or fine them. A uniform plan would make it fair for everyone. Annie Nash was in favor of approaching the Selectboard. Leon said he would bring it to the Selectboard at their next meeting. Annie will submit the letter she drafted regarding the speed limit (4 specific changes). Gary felt like enforcement was just as important as changing the speed limit. Leon and Gary thought limiting the number of changes would be best. Annie thought that since Pawlet town Representative Chris Pritchard was pushing this it might be good to get everything in there in one shot. Frank mentioned that this first attempt is going to Vtrans and if they deny it then the next step would be legislative. Annie will redraft the request, shortening it and indicating specific speeds.

- update on enhanced energy plan: RRPC need more time before information will be sent out.
- update on 181: Nancy said that the 800-foot roadway does not apply to the 10-acre rule. She felt that there was very little that will affect the town of Pawlet. Frank indicated various contradictions and problems on the state map for development. Frank got a consensus from the PPC that the inaccuracies should be removed from the map and Frank will approach the Selectboard regarding that

#### 5. Public Comments:

- No public comments.

#### 6. Set Agenda for the next meeting:

Frank moved to approve the next month's agenda, Gary seconded, all approved

- Ongoing business .
- Public comment.
- All else remains the same.

#### 11. Adjournment

- Gary moved to adjourn, Rik Sassa seconded and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37

Respectfully submitted, Rik Sassa, Secretary/Clerk