

Final Minutes
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF PAWLET
March 17, 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

Others in Attendance:

Kristin Powers
Jim Simmons
Maureen Brown
Ruth Lampi
Deb Hawkins
Roscoe Stark
Jack W
Sara Hannon
Cori Rail
Hannah Herbert
Frank Nelson
Shari Foster
Julie Mach
Lauren Herbert

EVENT

1. Call to order at 7:05 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 March 3, 2026 and special meeting minutes of March 4, 2026 as printed.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
5. Pre-Requested Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors:
 - Roscoe Stark, Slate Valley Action – Addressed the Board, urging them to review and adopt a resolution condemning the surveillance and enforcement actions of U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the State of Vermont.
 - Discussion ensued, with members of the public body supporting the statements made by Roscoe. Frank Nelson spoke to legislative efforts that are being made with regard to Immigration & Customs Enforcement presence throughout the State.
 - Following conversation amongst the Board and Body, the Board determined to add this topic to unfinished business at their next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Announcements: None.
7. Reports to the Board:
 - A. Zoning Administrator's (ZA) Report: No report at this meeting.
 - B. Planning Commission's Report: No report at this meeting.
 - C. Road Foreman's Report:
 - Interim Highway Foreman, Jim Simmons, provided a report to the Board, summarizing projects completed during the previous two weeks as well as upcoming areas of focus.
 - Jim requested that the Board approve the purchase of the rubber cutting edge for both dirt road plow trucks, a price estimate of \$1450.00 for both trucks. The one ton requires brake replacement, with a cost estimate of \$5000.00.
 - Motion made to approve the one-ton brake repair as well as the rubber cut edge purchases.
 - Mover: Tom Collard
 - 2nd: Bob Jones
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved
 - D. Assessor Report:

- Tyler Technologies provided a summary report of reappraisal process from February 2026.

E. Town Clerk's Memo:

- Town Clerk, Deb Hawkins, provided a memo to the Board:
 - Bob Jones signed the Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits
 - Two auditorium rental contracts for the Pawlett Historical Society – 5/2/26 & 7/6/26.
 - Motion made to approve the two auditorium rental dates for the PHS.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

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.
- Julie provided the Board with a property tax collection summary as well as a summary of the WW collection 3 of 4 summary.
- Jessica spoke to and reiterated the progress made thus far for the Capital Plan Pilot Program.
- Motion made to approve Payroll Warrant #26052 for \$11,960.03 and Accounts payable Warrant #26053 for \$37,441.20.
 - Mover: Jessica Van Oort
 - 2nd: Tom Collard
 - Discussion: None.
 - Result: Approved.
- Julie provided the Board with documentation that was provided from VTrans' annual spring mailer. The Board reviewed and completed all paperwork that was able to be completed at this time and returned to Julie for submission.
- Mike Beecher shared a tax notice of the Town's pump station in Hebron, NY. The Board unanimously agreed to not grieve the assessed property value.

G. Emergency Management Director's Report: No report at this meeting

H. Health Officer's Report: Nothing to report at this meeting.

- I. Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF): No report at this meeting.
- J. Facilities Report:
 - Tom Collard spoke to a message received from Julie Mach following a visit from Wade Masure, Sr. Loss Consultant from the VLCT. Tom followed-up on the list of items to be addressed, confirming points of contacts to reach out to in order to address concerns.
- 8. Reports to the Public:
 - A. Library Board Report:
 - Cori Rail summarized the Library Board's organizational meeting. The timeline for the Library Director has been extended to mid-April. Cori continued to summarize additional happenings at the Library, both present and future.
 - B. Mettawee School Board (MSB) Report: Nothing to report at this meeting.
- 9. Old or unfinished business: None.
- 10. New Business: None.
- 11. Public comment:
 - Frank Nelson spoke to recent happenings from the Rail Trail meeting. A reminder that the turkey commemoration event is happening on April 18th at 2:00pm at the D&H rail trail entrance in West Pawlet.
- 12. Motion made to adjourn at 8:11 pm.
 - Mover: Bob Jones
 - 2nd: Jessica Van Oort
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved