

# Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road  
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Minutes of the January 7, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Mark Warner (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Becky Fielder (Town Clerk), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Laura Kent (Auditor & Lister), Sherman Kent, Betsy Siebeck, Melanie Williams, Emily Grube, Kevin Rice, John Peters and Neil Lamson.

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. Review of Agenda: The Board added discussion of a public records exemption before the Treasurer's Report.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Public Records Exemption: The Board discussed the option of withholding communications between the Town and its engineer from public disclosure in response to Neil Lamson's request of public records relating to the Barber Hill Road bridge and 7090 Pomfret Road culvert replacement projects. The Board took no action to withhold any portion of these records.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - (a) The Board unanimously approved the following warrants for payment: 241, 243, 244 and 246.
6. Unfinished Business:
  - (a) 2016 FY Budget: The Board reviewed and discussed income, non-highway expenditures and the emergency services budget.
  - (b) Selectboard Report: The Board approved the Selectboard Report draft with changes (*to be attached*).
7. Road Foreman's Report:
  - (a) Replacement of Ford 550 one ton truck: Phil moved, and Mark seconded, that the Town purchase a new one ton truck pursuant to the bids from Ted Green Ford, Inc dated 12/2/2014 (truck) and Lucky's Trailer Sales dated 2/2/2015 (body and implements) (*See attached*). Funds are available for this purchase from savings in the purchase of the larger Western Star scraper/plow/dump truck. The Road Foreman expects the new one ton truck to be ready in four months from the time it is ordered. Michael Reese expressed concern that we have not shopped around for the best price pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Policy. Following further discussion, the Board approved the motion (Mark Warner and Phil Dechert voted yes, and Michael Reese voted no).
  - (b) Update on activities:
    - i. The Road Foreman noted both Freightliners are down because of problems in their DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) tank heaters. He is exploring warranty coverage.
8. Town Highway Equipment list for Town Report: Mark Warner moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the Town Highway Equipment listing prepared by the Road Foreman (*see attached*). Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
9. New Business: None.

10. Other Business: None.

11. Minutes of prior meetings: The Board deferred review of minutes of prior meetings.

12. Public Comment: None.

13. Adjournment: Following motion and second, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:35pm.

Date: 1/11/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese

Approved at February 18, 2015 Meeting