

**Town of Pomfret
5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053**

Draft Minutes of the March 16, 2015 Special Select Board Meeting

Select Board members present: Phil Dechert, Michael Reese, Scott Woodward
Others present: Hazel Harrington, Neil Lamson, Brian Marsicovetere, Bruce Tuthill, Arthur Lewin, Bill Cole, Brendan Whittaker, Bill Emmons, Ellen DesMeules, Nancy Randall, JoAnn Webb, Melanie Williams, Betsy Siebeck, Joanna Long, Norwood Long, Frank Perron, Greg Tuthill, Katy Savage (The Vermont Standard)

An audio recording of the meeting is available on the Town website at the following url:
<http://pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel/meetings/>

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the Chair, Phil Dechert. Phil Dechert stated the reason for the meeting (reciting from notice) and then briefly reviewed the first few agenda items.

Each Select Board member then made opening comments stating their respective views on the reason for having called the meeting. Phil Dechert voiced his opposition to holding the meeting while Scott Woodward and Michael Reese voiced their support.

The public comment period started at approximately 7:15pm and ended at approximately 8:05pm. The Select Board heard a number of views. The following people provided public comment:

- Bruce Tuthill
- Betsy Siebeck
- Neil Lamson
- Brian Marsicovetere
- Frank Perron
- Melanie Williams
- Arthur Lewin
- Bill Emmons
- Greg Tuthill

The Board next considered a “Review of the facts presented & possible violations” which continued until approximately 8:40pm. Public comment was also heard during this period.

The Board next discussed possible motions starting at approximately 8:50pm. Two motions were offered and both motions carried:

Motion 1: Based upon the information available to us, we find that there is not a violation of Open Meeting Law. Phil Dechert proposed the motion, Scott Woodward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion 2: Based on the information available to us, we agree that the Select Board should meet and determine policy and guidelines embodied in a Code of Ethics, including on how individual Select Board members act on behalf of the Town and report back to the Select Board on activities. Phil Dechert proposed the motion, Michael Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Scott Woodward
Clerk, Pomfret Select Board