

Town of Pomfret
5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Selectboard Meeting

Present: Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Laura Kent (Auditor), Norm Buchanan (Lister), Neil Lamson, Sherman Kent, Bob Merrill, Bill Emmons, Marge Wakefield and Rachel Bibeault.

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to Order at 7:04pm.
2. Review of Agenda: The Board added resignation of Board member.
3. Resignation of Board Member: Scott Woodward informed the Board of his resignation and his email was read.
4. Public Comment: Sherman Kent noted his disappointment in Scott's resignation suggesting the Board should carefully consider how to move forward, apply 'out of the box' thinking and build a team that can work well together. He noted Scott's positive contributions, including his Friday office hours.
5. Minutes of Prior Meetings:
 - (a) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the draft minutes of March 16, 2015. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - (b) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the draft minutes of March 18, 2015 with a change. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - (c) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the draft minutes of March 25, 2015. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - (a) Michael Reese moved, Phil Dechert seconded, that Board approve warrants for payment numbered 263, 264 and 265. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
7. Road Foreman's Report:
 - (a) Update: Road Crew is patching mudholes, filling in ruts and using the yolk rake hitched to tractor to smooth and dry out roads.
 - (b) Received request from Upland Construction to bury power and phone lines under road at 1162 Galaxy Hill Road.
 - (c) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to authorize Road Foreman to approve requests for putting utilities across dirt roads. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - (d) New scraper truck will be ready by the middle of June at the earliest.
 - (e) Road Foreman will provide estimated cost of repairing leaning guard rails on Caper Street.

8. Appointments:
 - (a) Emergency Management Director and Solid Waste Alternate will be deferred to April 15, 2015 meeting.
 - (b) Trustee of Public Funds (see 11. below)
9. Meeting Resolution/Rules of Procedure: deferred to another meeting.
10. Listers Concerns:
 - (a) Lister Norm Buchanan discussed his 3/30/15 memo to the Board which included:
 - i. Request to change tax due date from mid-August to September 9;
 - ii. Seeking assistance to fill vacant Lister position; and
 - iii. Appoint Laura Kent to temporary position to assist.
 - (b) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that Laura Kent be retained as an assistant to the Listers and be paid at the wage currently paid for Listers. Following discussion, the Board approved the motion.
11. Appointments (continued):
 - (a) Trustee of Public Funds: Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that Rachel Bibault be appointed as a Trustee of Public Funds for a three year term. Marge Wakefield introduced Rachel to the Board and discussed her qualifications and interest. Following discussion, the Board approved the motion.
12. Draft Town Plan: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Town officially receive the draft Pomfret Town Plan (version 1, April 1, 2015) from the Planning Commission. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
13. Employee Review Process: The Board agreed to hold the annual employee review of the Road Foreman on May 20, 2015.
14. Recent Correspondence: Among others, the Board received correspondence from the following: Geoffrey Klingenstein, Neil Lamson, Pam & Shaun Pickett, Andrew Mann and John Moore.
15. Public Comment: Sherman Kent asked the Board to make a motion to thank Scott Woodward for his service. Michael Reese and Phil Dechert declined to do a motion, but both expressed their appreciation for Scott and his initiatives.
16. Adjournment: Following motion and second, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm.

Dated: 4/2/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese