

Town of Pomfret
5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the March 6, 2015 Special Selectboard Meeting

Present: Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Sherman Kent, Laura Kent, Melanie Williams, Bob Merrill, Keith Chase, Ona Chase, Marge Wakefield, Kevin Rice, Phil Swanson (Woodstock Town Manager) and Chief Robbie Blish (Woodstock Police Department).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Phil Dechert at 7:00pm.

1. Town & Village of Woodstock Dispatch Services: The Board briefly heard from unanticipated guests, Phil Swanson and Chief Robbie Blish from Woodstock, regarding their proposal for payment in FY 2017 for dispatch services. They agreed to return on a date more convenient to the Board.
2. Review of Agenda: No changes.
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings: Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve the following minutes: 4/1/15, 4/8/15, 4/15/15, 4/21/15 and 4/30/15. Following the opportunity for discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - (a) Warrants for Payment: The Board approved warrants numbered 271, 272 and 274 by signing the warrants during the meeting.
 - (b) Budget Status Report: The Board reviewed, discussed and asked questions about the budget report ending April 30th.
5. Road Foreman's Report:
 - (a) Update on Activities:
 - i. The road crew has been smoothing up the roads as the weather cooperates, mud dries up and the humps in the roads disappear.
 - ii. There have been a few vehicle repair issues.
 - iii. Snow fencing will be removed probably by Friday.
 - iv. Culvert repair on River Road. Culvert repairs to be done on Cherry Hill, Clay Road and Bunker Hill Road when roads dry out.
 - v. One ton truck will be ready by the end of next week.
 - vi. Road Foreman suggested we have a line item for Green Up Day to handle costs of disposal and refuse.
 - vii. Road Foreman has not reached Fairfields regarding status of delivery of the new plow truck.
 - viii. New culverts will be ordered from the current year's budget line item.
 - ix. Washouts on various places along Pomfret Road will be stabilized with four loads of 7 inch material.
 - x. The six loads of hardpack spread during mud season have held up.
6. Pomfret Local Emergency Operations Plan: Michael Reese moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve the Pomfret Local Emergency Operations Plan. Following discussion, the Board approved the motion.

7. Selectboard Rules of Procedure: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the latest version (attached to the Agenda) of the Selectboard Rules of Procedure. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
8. Maintenance Agreement Between the State of Vermont, Agency of Transportation and Town of Pomfret (for guardrails on Route 12): The Board agreed to defer consideration of this agreement.
9. Itemization of Cost of New Fire Truck: Michael Reese requested an itemization of the cost of the component parts of the new fire truck instead of relying on a lump sum price. Chief Kevin Rice said he requested an itemization, but the vendor told him they do not provide line item pricing due the competitive and confidential nature of their business.
10. Selectboard Correspondence: The Board received the following correspondence: 1. Town and Village of Woodstock regarding dispatch fees; 2. Trustees of Public Funds to discuss various funds (the Board agreed to hold a special meeting before June 1st for this issue); 3. Email from Town Clerk about a request to consume alcohol at the Town Hall; and 4. Two emails from John Moore regarding records retention and aging trees.
11. Budget Review:
 - (a) Following further review and cuts to the emergency services budget, the Board agreed in principle to the current status of the expense items which resulted in \$954,162 as the amount to be raised in taxes for FY 2016. The final number is subject to further calculations and review.
 - (b) The Board agreed to hold the Special Town Meeting on June 16, 2015.
 - (c) A Special Selectboard Meeting will be held next Wednesday to finalize the Warning.
12. Following motion, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Dated: 5/6/2015

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Reese