

Town of Pomfret
5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the May 13, 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, Betsy Siebeck, Ona Chase, Keith Chase, Scott Woodward, and Bob Merrill.

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

1. Public Comment:

(a) Ona Chase updated the Board, on behalf of the Cemetery Commission, that the Commission awarded tree removal at Bunker Hill Cemetery to Jim Henderson whose price was most affordable at \$1,400. ***Good maple for possible firewood will be available for any residents who need it.***

(b) Scott Woodward encouraged the Board to require detailed budget narratives and written budget requests/justifications for line items by Town departments for the next budget cycle.

2. FY 2016 Budget: Michael Reese moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board propose to voters at a Special Town Meeting the budget attached to the agenda modified to include an additional \$5,000 for "Vehicle Trade In" (sale of tractor) under the highway revenue/income section. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Amount to be Raised in Taxes: Michael Reese moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board propose to voters at a Special Town Meeting the amount of \$930,762 to be raised in taxes. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Special Town Meeting Warning: Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve the draft Special Town Meeting Warning attached to the agenda modified to change the meeting time to 7:00pm and lower the amount to be raised in taxes to \$930,762. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

5. Other Business: Phil Dechert mentioned the EC Fiber request to locate a hub on Town property will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Also, the Board plans to hold a special meeting with the Trustees of Public Funds next Tuesday, May 19th. Notice will be forthcoming.

6. Following motion, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Dated: 5/14/2015

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Reese