

Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the June 16, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Marge Wakefield (Trustee of Public Funds), John Moore, Emily Grube, Keith Chase, Ona Chase, Sherman Kent, Laura Kent and Betsy Siebeck.

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:55pm.
2. Review of Agenda: No changes.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Minutes of Prior Meetings: Eric Chase moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of its June 3, 2015 meeting with a grammatical correction to 6(a)ii.C. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - (a) Warrant for Payment: Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board approve warrant for payment numbered 283. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - (b) Donation: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that an unrestricted donation of \$10,000 from Bird's Eye Foundation to be held in the Moore fund for the Town Hall. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - (c) Bandrail Expenses: Michael Reese moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the budgeted expenses for bandrail of \$9,950 be transferred to the bandrail reserve account for anticipated expenditure in the first quarter of the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015. Concern was raised that funds be spent during the year budgeted.
 - (d) Truck Purchase: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the remaining budgeted expenses for the new plow/dump truck be transferred to the highway vehicle reserve account in the first quarter of the next fiscal starting July 1, 2015.
 - (e) Financial Questionnaire: The Treasurer noted she had completed a financial management questionnaire from the Vermont Auditor's office.
6. Road Foreman's Report:
 - (a) General Update:
 - i. Equipment Repairs: Roadside Mower broke down requiring over \$600 in parts; hopes to have it back on road tomorrow (June 17th). Excavator still waiting on parts.
 - ii. Hardpack: Road crew has been putting out more hardpack.
 - iii. Renovations at Town Garage: Alterations made to accommodate new truck.
 - iv. Recent Storm: Town fared well in recent storm that hit Quechee and West Hartford worse.
 - (b) New Tractor & Roadside Mower: Road Foreman is looking at John Deere, New Holland and Kabota. Board discussed application of Purchasing Policy. Eric Chase will assist Road Foreman in preparing written specifications.
 - (c) Opening of Paving Bids: The Chair opened four paving bids pursuant to Road Foreman's request. Bids received from Whitcomb, Springfield Paving, Pike, and Blaktop. The lowest price was Blaktop. Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board contract with Blaktop pursuant to their proposal for the road section from Freeman Road to

- Howe Hill Road. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
- (d) Traffic Speed Study: Eric Chase presented information from his communications with Rita Seto of Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. The Board and those in attendance discussed the speed limits on Howe Hill Road. Michael Reese will research the process for changing speed limits.
7. Town Service Officer Appointment: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to reappoint Sheila Murray as Town Service Officer.
8. Fire Truck: The Board received a package of specifications from the Fire Chief. Three vendors have been identified.
9. Sheriff Contract: Michael Reese will contact Sheriff Chamberlain.
10. EC Fiber Hub: Phil Dechert and the Road Foreman met with EC Fiber representatives and looked at a couple of proposed locations. Phil will present additional details at a subsequent meeting.
11. Investment Management of LaBounty Fund and Moore Town Hall Fund: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that Board authorize the Trustees for Public Funds to include the LaBounty Fund and the Moore Town Hall Funds in their Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purposes of getting investment proposals. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
12. Public Comments: None.
13. Adjournment: Upon proper motion, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:43pm.

Date: 6/29/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese