

Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Approved (8/19/2015) Minutes of the July 30, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Ellen DesMeules, Treasurer, Melanie Williams, Greg Tuthill, Art Lewin, Emily Grube, Scott Woodward, Eric Chase, Bill Emmons and John Moore

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. Public Comment: Melanie Williams asked about the traffic counters located around Town. No one in attendance knows their source.
3. Property Tax Rate: Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, to set the municipal tax rate at .3767 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and set the local agreement rate at .0012 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
4. Warrants for Payment:
 - (a) Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board approve the following warrants for payment:
 - i. Warrant Number 15007 totaling \$18,978.86
 - ii. Warrant Number 15008 totaling \$25,000; and
 - iii. Warrant Number 15003 totaling \$5,280.96.
 - (b) Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Request for Bids for Tractor and Roadside Mowing:
 - (a) Michael Reese moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve the Request for Proposal attached to the Agenda with the following changes:
 - i. RFP Issue & Publication by 7/31/15;
 - ii. Question & Answer Period by 8/7/15;
 - iii. Proposals Due by noon on 8/17/15;
 - iv. Selectboard Decision on 8/19/15, but may take until 9/1/15;
 - v. Delete reference to truck and trade-in proposals on page 2, second paragraph; and
 - vi. Add four wheel drive and agricultural tires to the Minimum Equipment Specifications.
 - (b) Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Consider timing of paving Pomfret Road section adjacent to slope repair: The Board discussed whether to hold off on paving the pavement adjacent to fallen slope on the Pomfret Road south of Bunker Hill Road until after the repair project is completed. Following additional discussion, the Board took no action to delay paving this section of road.
7. Grading of Backroads: The Board and those in attendance discussed at length the condition and maintenance of the backroads.

8. Next Meeting's Agenda: The Board discussed adding the following to next meeting's agenda: Fire truck Request for Proposals, EC Fiber hub, Town Plan, Vermont Overland bike race, drafting an ethics policy, and other items.
9. Public Comment: Scott Woodward suggested the Board release the Town's interest, if any, in old Royalton Academy lands that may cloud titles to certain properties in North Pomfret and Joe Ranger Road.
10. Adjournment: Eric moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 8:22pm.

Date: 8/6/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese

Approved at August 19, 2015 Meeting