

# Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road  
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Approved Minutes of the November 18 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), Betsy Siebeck, Emily Grube, Scott Woodward, Ona Chase, Sherman Kent, Laura Kent, Shawn Pickett, Anne Bower and Bruce Tuthill.

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:49pm.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review of Agenda: The Board approved the agenda as posted by consensus.
4. Minutes of Prior Meetings:
  - (a) Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, to approve the draft minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
  - (b) Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, to approve the draft minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - (a) Warrants for Payment:
    - i. Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve warrant number 15035 in the amount of \$55,677.71. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
    - ii. Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approve the reimbursement of expenses for the emergency management coordinator attending an annual conference. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
  - (b) Employee Health Insurance for 2016: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board continue with the same health insurance plans for calendar year 2016, which is the standard gold plan that was in place for calendar year 2015. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Road Foreman's Report:
  - (a) General Update:
    - i. Nicom (cracksealing contractor) started their work for two days. Job not completed. Eric Chase will follow up with them.
    - ii. Sand is being hauled in.
    - iii. Signs: Legal trail signs are up; Still identifying the second trail on Bunker Hill Road; Installed road name signs on Kenyon Hill, Handy Road, and Graves Road; more next summer; installed posts for reduced speed signs.
    - iv. Leaf blowing out of ditches, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  to Town completed.
  - (b) Priority List before winter:
    - i. Snow fence installed;
    - ii. Sand being delivered;
    - iii. Road Foreman will contact Cargill to arrange delivery of salt;

- iv. Winter equipment is ready;
  - v. Replaced culverts we had intended to;
  - vi. Ditching will be done if weather cooperates; and
  - vii. Culvert posts will be done if we can identify appropriate posts.
7. Liquor Catering Permits: The Board noted the Town Clerk issued catering permits to serve alcohol to Belly Up, LLC for a an event at Artistree on December 4, 2015 and Black Krim Tavern for an events at Artistree on November 20, 2015 and December 12, 2015.
8. Fire Truck Request for Proposals: Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board issue the Fire Truck Request for Proposal (as attached to the Agenda package) with the following dates: distribution and advertising on November 23, 2015 or as soon as possible after that date, and being open to bidder questions by December 4, 2015; and schedule pre-bid conference on or about December 9, 2015 with proposals due on or around January 8, 2016. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Michael Reese will arrange for posting and distributing the bids.
9. Delinquent Tax Collection: No response from Delinquent Tax Collector.
10. Heating Oil: Michael Reese will look into it.
11. Traffic Ordinance Speed Limit Changes:
- (a) Eric Chase proposed changes the existing speed limits In South Pomfret (as currently marked by small posts with red flags), as follows:
    - i. Pomfret Road: 25 miles per hour .99 miles from the Woodstock Town Line to 1.25 miles from the Woodstock Town Line;
    - ii. Stage Road: 25 miles per hour, .11 miles from the junction of Pomfret Road; and
    - iii. Library Street: 25 miles per hour for the entire length.
  - (b) The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
12. Budget: The Board will address fire, emergency services, fast squad, and the listers budgets.
13. Correspondence: The Board received a Complaint of Open Meeting Violation from Scott Woodward relating to the late posting of minutes from the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The audio and minutes have since been posted.
14. Adjournment: Eric Chase moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 9:50pm.

Date: 11/30/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese

Approved at 12/2/2015 Meeting