

Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Approved Minutes of the December 16, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Arthur Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Scott Woodward, Emily Grube, Laura Kent (Auditor), Ona Chase (Constable), Melanie Williams, and Greg Tuthill.

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Executive Session:

- (a) Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board enter into executive session for the purposes of evaluating an employee pursuant to 1VSA 313(a)(3). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
- (b) Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board enter into executive session for the purposes of hiring an administrative assistant pursuant to 1 VSA 313 (a)(3). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
- (c) The Board entered into the executive sessions. The Road Foreman participated in the portion relating to the evaluation of an employee.
- (d) Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board exit executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

3. Public Comment:

- (a) Constable Ona Chase noted that she is leaving for the months of January and February, 2016, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- (b) Melanie Williams made an inquiry into the signing of the LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) for the Town this year.

4. Review of Agenda: The Board approved the agenda as posted by consensus with the additions of a revote of the Amendment to the Traffic Ordinance, and an update on the fire truck Request for Proposals.

5. Treasurer's Report:

(a) Warrants for Payment:

- i. Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve warrant number 15042 in the amount of \$ \$38,615.88, less \$4,000 to Nicom (check number 1279). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
- ii. Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the Board approve the payroll warrant number 15041 in the amount of \$6,248.74. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

6. Road Foreman's Report:

(a) General Update:

- i. Last few weeks there was an ice storm, summer weather, and a 'mud season' all in one.
- ii. Put out over 500 yards of hardpack last week: Webster Hill, Allen Hill, Bunker Hill, part of Joe Ranger Road and Sugarbush Road.
- iii. Couple trees down from windstorm, cleaned up this morning.

- iv. Maintenance to equipment, wings and dump trucks (hydraulic house)
 - v. Sand is still being hauled in as well as hardpack to refill supply.
 - vi. 100 tons of salt added to bunker.
 - vii. Ditching can't be done this time of year due to state of ground.
 - viii. Need to find something to mark culverts.
 - ix. Tim Thatcher asked if Road Crew can assist Timber Tenders to remove trees near road in some capacity. Perhaps close the road.
 - x. Ona Chase inquired if any work is being done about the guardrails. Received answer that the work can be done in the spring.
 - xi. Road Foreman expressed concern about the speed limit signage. Eric Chase moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, that the Board re-approve the amendments to the traffic ordinance previously approved . The Board unanimously approved the motion.
7. Letter to Delinquent Taxpayers: Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, to include with the treasurer's monthly notice a selectboard letter that informs delinquent taxpayers fo the consequences for non-payment. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
8. Fire Truck RFP: Michael Reese reported on the Fire Truck RFP (Request for Proposals) addendum.
9. Remote Hub Lease Agreement between Town and ValleyNet, Inc. (EC Fiber Hub): Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement, with the agreement having been reviewed by the town attorney. No changes were made. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
10. Budget: The entirety of the budget will be discussed Monday, December 21, 2015, at 7PM, starting with the highway budget. Future dates to discuss the budget were discussed. The capital equipment plan was discussed.
11. Correspondence:
- (a) Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Request for \$444.50.
 - (b) Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission provided priority map of state road paving.
12. Public Comment: Scott Woodward submitted a written budget analysis to the board.
13. Adjournment: Eric Chase moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 8:06pm.

Date: 12/30/2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese

Approved on January 6, 2016