

**Town of Pomfret**  
**5218 Pomfret Road**  
**North Pomfret, VT 05053**

Draft Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Art Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Jonathan Williams (Assistant to the Selectboard), Kevin Rice (Fire Chief), Melanie Williams, Laura Kent (Auditor), Sherman Kent, Scott Woodward, Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, Marjorie Wakefield (Trustee of Public Funds), John Peters, and Gregg Tuttle

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.
2. Executive Session:
  - (a) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the board enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing the employment of a new employee pursuant to 1VSA 313(a)(3). The Board unanimously approved the motion. Art Lewin Sr. the Road Foreman and Jonathan Williams the Assistant to the Selectboard were present for the executive session.
  - (b) At 7:34 PM, Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, that the board exit Executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion. No action was taken relevant to the executive session at this time.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Review of Agenda: The opening of the Fire Truck bids, discussed at the last meeting was moved to the January 26<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting at 4:30 PM, as it was not placed on the January 20, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting Agenda.
5. Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report as the treasurer was ill.
  - (a) Warrants for Payment: Michael Reese moved and Phil Dechert seconded to approve the following warrants. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
    - a.i. Payroll warrant number 15052 in the amount of \$7,725.94
    - a.ii. Payroll warrant number: 15051 in the amount of \$3,039.60.
    - a.iii. Warrant number 15050 in the amount of \$7,425.75.
6. Road Foreman's Report:
  - (a) General Update:
    - a.i. Pushing back the edges of roads and sanding roads. Some drifts.
    - a.ii. Issue with loader, found out due to design flaw. Was taken care of (New throttle, new brake pedal).
    - a.iii. Old Kings Highway will be closed to thru traffic on Friday January 22, 2016 from 8:00am-4:00pm for tree work. Please seek alternate routes.
    - a.iv. Issues with people plowing their driveways across a town road and leaving the plowed material in the road. **Reminder: PLOWING SNOW**

**ACROSS A TOWN HIGHWAY IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW.**

7. Request to Use Legal Trail for Logging (LT-2 off Wild Apple Road; Request by Steve Chamberlin): Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to authorize and issue a permit for logging use for 1 year with conditions for restoration if any potential damage, with subsequent inspection following use. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
8. VTrans Annual Mileage Certificate: There was a presentation by Phil Dechert on the VTrans Annual Mileage Certificate. Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to approve the 2016 VTrans Annual Mileage Certificate and to authorize the chair to sign it. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
9. Budget and Town Report:
  - (a) The Draft Town Meeting Warning was reviewed and discussed at length. Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, to approve the warning as amended with the amount of taxes and monies to be raised to be voted on at a later date. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
  - (b) The Town Budget was reviewed and discussed. Fire Department budget issues and record keeping issues were discussed with Kevin Rice, the Fire Chief.
10. Selectboard Correspondence: None.
11. Next Meeting's Agenda: A special meeting for the review and discussion of the town budget as well as the opening of the fire truck bids was scheduled for Tuesday, January 26 at 4:30pm at the Pomfret town office.
12. Closing public comments & adjournment: Eric Chase moved, and Phil Dechert seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 9:39pm.

Date: 01/22/2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Williams, Assistant

Approved as draft minutes by  
Michael Reese, Clerk

Approved by the Board at \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting