

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

Draft Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting

Present: Eric Chase (Selectboard Member), Phil Dechert (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Art Lewin, Sr. (Road Foreman), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Jonathan Williams (Assistant to the Selectboard) Kevin Rice (Fire Chief), and Emily Grube

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review of Agenda: The agenda as published was approved by consensus.
4. Review, Discussion, and Approval of the Minutes: Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, to approve the draft minutes of January 6, January 11, January 18, and January 20, 2016. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - (a) Warrants for Payment:
    - i. Warrant 15058 \$36,203.31
    - ii. Warrant 15057 \$7,956.42
  - (b) Phil Dechert moved, and Eric Chase seconded, to approve the warrants as read. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Road Foreman's Report:
  - (a) General Update:
    - i. The Road crew has been busy during the recent ice storm. Yesterday, just before ice developed on the backroads in the late morning, a truck blew a hydraulic hose, which took two hours to identify and replace. Another truck lost the function of the windshield wipers when the wiper motor broke, (it cannot be fixed until next Monday night at the earliest). Nevertheless, the two regular and one part-time road crew workers were able to sand and salt the roads starting around 1pm yesterday, finishing about 5 hours later.
    - ii. There have been a couple of issues with names on road signs. Need to call in to e911 for clarification. Speed limit signs need to be much bigger and reflective to comply with law by 2018. The town hasn't ordered new speed limit signs yet.
    - iii. There are new stormwater runoff rules, regulations, and fees, starting in 2018, and associated costs: first year: \$2400, every year after that \$2,000. There was discussion of a map provided by TRORC illustrating transportation/environmental problem areas (roads affecting bodies of

- water), and its potential inaccuracy.
- iv. There was discussion on implementing a plan for Library Street area/bridges.
  - v. There was a further discussion of the road crew's best efforts yesterday, February 16, in an attempt to redress the icy road conditions. The Selectboard thanked the road crewpersons for their hard work.
7. Update from Fire Truck Proposal Evaluation Committee: There was discussion concerning the first preliminary meeting. Last night's scheduled meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. The need to request drawings illustrating where the transfer case, pumps, etc. are located from two of the three bidders was reviewed and commented upon. There was discussion regarding how/whether the Evaluation Committee should communicate with the bidders. The next meeting of the Evaluation Committee will be at on February 18, 2016 at 6pm at the Pomfret Town Offices.
8. Town Meeting:
- (a) Confirm Pre-Town Meeting Selectboard Forum Date and Time: The date of the Pre-Town Meeting Selectboard Forum will be Tuesday, February 23, at 7pm at the Pomfret Town Offices. The Assistant to the Selectboard will draft up a notice and an email to be distributed and posted on the website.
  - (b) Documents for Town Meeting: There was discussion of reevaluation of the revenues amount and if it has changed at all, and the possible proposal of amendment at the Town Meeting. The preparation of a budget narrative was discussed.
  - (c) Review Open Positions: The need for some explanation of the open positions at the candidate forum and at the Pre-Town meeting public forum was considered.
9. VTrans Grant Documents Submission Process: The Assistant to the Selectboard presented a report on the VTrans Grant Documents submission process and necessary next steps. The assistant will contact Chris Bump at VTrans to follow up on the requested hydrology study for the Cloudland Road Culvert, as well as the plans/bid package for the Pomfret Slope project. Eric Chase will schedule a meeting with Chris Bump concerning the Town Highway Structures/Better Backroads grants.
1. Selectboard Correspondence: None.
  2. Next Meeting's Agenda: Items to be added to the next regular Selectboard meeting following the March 1 Town Meeting.
  3. Closing Public Comments: There was public comment on safety issues concerning the 2016 Overland Bike Event.
  4. Executive Session & Adjournment:

- (a) Michael Reese moved, and Phil Dechert seconded that the board enter into executive session for the purposes of the employment of an employee pursuant to 1VSA 313(a)(3). The Board unanimously approved the motion. Art Lewin, Sr. and Jonathan Williams were present for the executive session.
- (b) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese 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.
- (c) Phil Dechert moved, and Michael Reese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Date: 02/18/2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Williams, Assistant

Approved as draft minutes by  
Michael Reese, Clerk

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