

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

Approved Minutes of the November 22, 2016 Special Selectboard Meeting

Present: Sheila Hopkins (Selectboard Member), Frank Perron (Selectboard Member), Melanie Williams (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Emily Grube (Selectboard Member), Art Lewin Sr. (Road Foreman), Laura Kent (Auditor), Sherman Kent, and Jonathan Williams (Assistant to the Selectboard)

1. Call to Order: Michael Reese called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Road Crew Job Applicant Discussion: Michael Reese moved, and Sheila Hopkins seconded, to have the town hire to the road crew Dale Lewis at a rate of \$18 per hour subject to all terms in the personnel policy including a six-month probationary period. There was discussion by the Selectboard and the Road Foreman. Michael Reese noted for the record that this applicant had the most highway department experience of all the candidates, having worked for several years in another town as a road crew employee in NY State. Emily Grube did not participate in the conversation and did not vote on this item due to a conflict of interest. The Board unanimously approved the motion with Emily Grube abstaining.
4. Discussion of the Budget: Budget Reconciliation, Review of Unresolved Line Item Figures: Frank Perron briefed the Board on this item and there was discussion by the Selectboard and the public concerning budget reconciliation. Line items discussed include: Social Security/Medicare; Town Office Building Maintenance; Insurance; Legal and Professional Fees; Accounting Support; Brick Building Maintenance and Repair, Insurance; Town Buildings & Reserve Funds; Fire Department; Sheriff's Patrol; Contract Services; School Plowing; Appropriations; Highway (Retirement, Health Insurance, Projects, Highway Reserves, Expenditures).
5. Review and Adjustments to Upcoming Budget/Special Meeting Agendas: 'Fire Department Contract/Insurance' and 'Chippers Case' were items added to the next Regular Selectboard meeting agenda. A Special Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm for the following purposes: 'Finalize Budget', 'General Fund Surplus Discussion', 'Reserve Accounts Discussion'.
6. Closing Public Comments and Adjournment: Sheila Hopkins moved, and Frank Perron seconded, that the board adjourn the special meeting. The Board unanimously approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

Date: 11/27/2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Williams, Assistant

Approved by the Board at 12/07/16 Meeting