

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

Draft Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Special Selectboard Meeting

Present: Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Melanie Williams (Selectboard Member), Frank Perron (Selectboard Member), Emily Grube (Selectboard Member), Amanda Lafferty (Attorney - By Phone), Nancy Matthews, Ted Matthews, Laura Kent, Sherman Kent, and Neil Lamson

1. Call to Order: Michael Reese called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Issues Related to Chipper's Appeal: Melanie Williams moved and Michael Reese seconded to find that premature general public knowledge of issues pertaining to the Chipper's litigation will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing our legal strategies. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Melanie Williams moved, and Michael Reese seconded that the board enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing with Attorney Lafferty the status of the Chipper's appeal and matters relating to the Zoning Administrator's 01-06-17 approval of Chippers' woodpile activities on the westerly side of Pomfret Road, pursuant to 1VSA §313(a)(1) (confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body) and pursuant to 1VSA §313(a)(1)(F) (discussion of pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
 - a. Status of Chipper's Appeal.
 - b. Matters Relating to Zoning Administrator January 6, 2017 Approval of Chippers' Woodpile Activities on East Side of Pomfret Road.

Emily Grube moved, and Frank Perron seconded, that the Board exit Executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 7:05 p.m. No motion was made or actions taken related to the subjects discussed in executive session at this time.

4. Budget Review.
 - a. Addressing Budget Surplus: The board discussed, and members of the public commented, about the allocation of surplus funds to FY18 budget line items and the manner in which to do so.
 - b. Finalizing FY18 Budget: The board discussed the current FY18 draft budget, including consideration of the Auditor's request to increase the Auditor's budget to \$20,000 to account for the possibility that the two Auditor positions won't be filled and the town will have to pay for professional services. Frank Perron moved and Emily seconded, that the board approve the Board's FY18 budget which includes expenditures of \$1,358,378.00 (including the sum of all appropriations) and amount to be raised in taxes \$963,053.00. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Budget Narrative: The board reviewed and revised the current draft of the budget narrative based on their discussion and input from the public.
5. Town Meeting Warning Review: The Board worked on drafting of the Town Meeting Warning. The public provided comments.
6. Closing Public Comments. There were no public comments.
7. Issues Related to Chipper's Appeal: Melanie Williams moved, and Michael Reese seconded that the board enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing the Chipper's appeal and matters relating to the Zoning Administrator's 01-06-17 approval of Chippers' woodpile

activities on the westerly side of Pomfret Road, pursuant to 1VSA §313(a)(1)(F) (discussion of pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party). The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Melanie Williams moved, and Emily Grube seconded, that the Board exit Executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion at 10:00 p.m. No motion was made or actions taken related to the subjects discussed in executive session at this time.

8. Adjournment: Melanie Williams moved, and Frank Perron seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Date: 01-10-17

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Williams, Clerk

Approved by the Board at _____ Meeting