

Town of Pomfret
5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Special Selectboard Meeting

Present: Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Melanie Williams (Selectboard Member), Frank Perron (Selectboard Member), Emily Grube (Selectboard Member), Sheila Hopkins (Selectboard Member), Doug Tuthill, Scott Woodward, Art Lewin (Road Foreman), Scott Woodward, Sherman Kent, Neil Lamson

1. Call to Order: Michael Reese called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment (audio:30): The Road Foreman requested that the Board add to tonight's agenda, to make a decision as to the weight limit posting of dirt roads due to spring weather conditions. There was public comment about this addition and the Board agreed to add this item to discuss tonight.
3. Issues Related to Chipper's Appeal – Executive Session (audio 7:15):
 - i) Melanie Williams moved, and Frank Peron seconded, that the Board enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 VSA§313(a)(1)(E) pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party and 1 VSA 1(a)(1)(F) related to confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. There was discussion by the Board. The Board, in finding that premature general public knowledge of issues pertaining to the Chipper's litigation will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its legal strategies, unanimously approved the motion. Present by phone for this executive session was Attorney Amanda Lafferty.
 - ii) Melanie Williams moved, and Sheila Hopkins seconded, that the Board exit Executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion. No motion was made or actions taken related to the subject discussed in executive session at this time.
4. Posting of Roads (audio 7:25): At the request of the Road Foreman, the Board took up the issue of posting of the dirt roads for spring weather conditions. Michael Reese moved and Sheila Hopkins seconded that the Board post the roads as follows: "Pursuant to 19 VSA § 1110, the Pomfret Selectboard has posted all Class 2 and Class 3 town highways, effective dates per discretion of the Road Foreman. No vehicle having a weight, including vehicle and load, in excess of the weights specified [as follows], shall be operated on any part of any Class 2 and Class 3 town highway which are posted, except by permission of the Pomfret Road Foreman: Two axle trucks 15,000 lbs; Three axle trucks 18,000 lbs; and Tractor-trailer units 20,000 lbs. There was discussion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Fire Protection Agreement Review (audio 13:10): The Board reviewed the draft Agreement provided by the fire department and discussed additions and changes and members of the public provided input.
6. Report of VLCT Opinion That All Funds/Surpluses Require Voter Approval: (audio 1:38:55): The Board discussed the opinion provided via email by VLCT on questions regarding proper procedures for town funds/surpluses. There was much input from the public.
7. Closing Public Comments and Adjournment (audio 2:29:20): There were no public comments. Melanie Williams moved, and Sheila Hopkins seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Date: 02-21-17

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Williams, Clerk

Approved by the Board at _____ Meeting