

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

Approved Minutes of the March 29, 2017 Special Select Board Meeting

Select Board members present: Sheila Hopkins (Chair), Frank Perron (Vice Chair), Emily Grube, Michael Reese, Scott Woodward

Others present: No members of the public present

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Sheila Hopkins, at 6:33pm.

The Board began the meeting by consideration of Payroll Check Warrant 16068. The total expenditure amount was \$6,930.09 for payroll period March 13th through March 26th. By unanimous vote, the Board approved payment of Payroll Check Warrant 16068.

The Board next discussed the latest revision of the fire protection agreement. The revisions were made as a result of the March 22nd Special Selectboard Meeting. This was the third review of the agreement. The Board focused its discussion mainly four topics: (1) the process and steps of how the Board and Fire Department will agree on an amount to be included in a separately warned article for Town Meeting, (2) how the purchase of capital equipment will be handled, (3) Insurance provisions - Frank Perron confirmed that the Town may provide insurance through the Town's PACIF insurance policy through VLCT, but that the Town would remain the holder of the policy. The Fire Department will be responsible for purchasing insurance it desires over and above PACIF coverage, and (4) the kinds of information the Fire Department should be required to submit as part of the annual appropriation process.

The Board also discussed the following parts of the agreement:

- Whether the Town would be responsible for maintaining access to hydrants installed at the request of the Fire Department, but not owned by the Town;
- The degree of Selectboard involvement with mutual aid agreements and that the Board should only be involved insofar as knowing the obligations and having copies on file;
- Ownership of equipment when taxpayer money is used to purchase equipment or vehicles.

Scott Woodward will prepare a second clean draft of the agreement, including a table indicating all changes made since the Fire Department submitted the initial draft, as well as a cover document of 1-2 pages that will explain the Board's reasoning for the changes made.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Date drafted: March 31, 2017

Date approved: April 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Woodward