

Town of Pomfret

5218 Pomfret Road
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the August 30, 2017 Special Selectboard Meeting

Present: Frank Perron (Selectboard Member), Scott Woodward (Selectboard Member), Emily Grube (Selectboard Member), Michael Reese (Selectboard Member), Marge Wakefield, Kevin Geiger, Shawn Pickett, and Curt Peterson (VT Standard).

1. Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Public Comment: A Lister commented about working with the Royalton Listers.
3. Fire Protection Agreement:
 - (a) Scott Woodward and Kevin Geiger briefed the Board regarding next steps. Kevin suggested an individual board member be appointed to meet with a representative of the fire department to flesh out the remaining contract issues. Kevin will ask the department to choose which Board member they feel most comfortable with.
 - (b) Emily Grube moved, and Michael Reese seconded, to rescind the motion of the last regular meeting, so that there is no firm date that the contract be done by September 20, 2017. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
4. Addition of Agenda Item: Frank Perron moved, and Scott Woodward seconded, to add warrants for payment to the agenda. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Driveway Access Permit Request: Emily Grube and Frank Perron attended a site visit for the LaFlamme road access request. Frank moved, and Emily Grube seconded, to approve the access permit conditioned that meets the terms of the Highway Ordinance, that the new access will not serve the LaFlamme's current residence, that it will serve another future residence, and the Board requests a copy of the subdivision plot plan. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Purchasing Policy Discussion and Drafting: Frank Perron and Scott Woodward briefed the Board. Members agreed to ask the Capital Planning Committee to oversee a subcommittee to review changes to the purchasing policy. Nancy Matthews and Michael Reese expressed interest in assisting this effort.
7. Conflict of Interest Policy Discussion and Drafting: Scott Woodward briefed the Board on the status of the policy, which is planned for the next meeting's agenda.
8. Budget Strategic Planning Discussion: Scott Woodward suggested the Board consider budget priorities and timeline, which was agreed to.
9. Road Fixes Discussion: Scott Woodward and Frank Perron presented the plan for addressing the numerous road projects around Town.
10. Teago Intersection Discussion: Scott Woodward briefed the Board. The following issues were discussed: Bridge #9 status, Bridge #5 status, pedestrian safety on Library Street, Artistree south exit, Triangle at Library Street and Stage Road, Stop sign at Teago and speed issues. Scott suggested setting up a committee.

11. FEMA Reimbursement Funding Review: Scott Woodward moved, and Frank Perron seconded, the Board authorize Frank Perron to sign the draft letter (as prepared by Scott Woodward following a FEMA workshop) on behalf of the Town for emergency watershed protection program. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion.
12. Warrants to Payment: Scott Woodward moved, and Michael Reese seconded, that the Board approved Warrants 17015 for payroll, 17016 for accounts payable, and 17014 for accounts payable. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Correspondence:
 - (a) Doug Azar is seeking information relating to the Town throwing up a portion of Stonewall Road.
 - (b) Frank Perron requested recent correspondence from Nelson Lamson be attached to the minutes.
15. Adjournment: Michael Reese moved, and Emily Grube seconded, that the Board adjourn the meeting, which was unanimously approved at 9:06pm.

Date: 9/5/2017

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Reese

Pomfret select board

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Fri 8/25/2017 7:11 PM

To: Sheila Hopkins <sheila.hopkins@pomfretvt.us>; Frank Perron <Frank.Perron@pomfretvt.us>; Emily Grube <Emily.Grube@pomfretvt.us>; Michael Reese <Michael.Reese@pomfretvt.us>; Scott Woodward <Scott.Woodward@pomfretvt.us>;

Pomfret Select Board,

After reading Sheila's resignation it is with a heavy heart I feel compelled to write this email.

There is way too much turmoil in our town government. I believe this board needs to take a good long hard look at itself. We have had more turmoil in the last 5-6 years than in the last 40-50 years!

You have spent \$30,000 plus on a now mute zoning issue and in the process thrown a good man under the bus for one mistake. I believe you owe Preston a public apology.

Now I hear the road grader is locked up in the barn. I would be the 1st to say our roads need some definite help. Ditches and cutouts need to be cleaned out as a crown needs to be put in our roads. But right now our roads are crying for a grader. A bad job is better than no job. I hope members of the board don't need to learn to drive a snowplow or sander.

Also you have thrown the Fire department into great turmoil.
I want this email read into the minutes at your next select board meeting.

Nelson Lamson