

SELECT BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES  
TOWN OF POMFRET VERMONT  
August 21, 2019

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, Scott Woodward (phone), John Peters, Frank Perron, Cynthia Hewitt

Public Attendees: John Moore (Planning Commission), Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Jim Morgan, Christina Chamberlin, Pam Pickett, Time Reiter (Mgr. Suicide 6), Ben Brickner (ZBA), Karen Hewitt (ZBA), Leah Stipek, Jordana Jusienan, Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Neil Lamson (Lister), Greg Tuthill, Heidi Bowley, Andrew Mann, Christian Avard (Vt Standard)

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
2. Public Comment: Leah Stipek is concerned about the cut-back of Vermont State Police Coverage in the town and the speeding problem. Emily explained this was a minimal reduction in hours in order to conform to the budgeted line item.
3. Review of Agenda. Emily added a liquor permit for Silo Distillery on 09/06/2019 at Artistree. Cynthia reported the minutes from the 07/11/2019 Special Meeting will be distributed to the board via email. John moved that these items be added to the agenda; Steve seconded; Roll-Call vote – unanimous
4. Recurring Items:
  - a. Approval of 08/07/19 Minutes: Frank asked this be postponed to the next meeting as he would like to make some changes in items 5n., u., and v. Approval of 07/24/2019 minutes was unanimous.
  - b. Warrants for Approval: Emily moved the following warrants be approved for payment; Steve seconded; Roll-Call Vote -- unanimous
    1. 19017 \$61,627.92 A/R
    2. 19015 375.59 Payroll
    3. 19014 5,604.60 Payroll
  - c. The final payment for Joan Dunn will be looked at by the ZBA Atty. Wyeth. Emily will give her a call.
5. Business Items for Discussion or Vote:
  - a. Road Foreman Report: Jim reports continued grading and mowing as the current undertaking. Keith Sawyer will be mowing 2 days per week. Frank moved and Steve seconded that Mr. Sawyer be hired on a part-time basis contingent on his compliance with VT DMV requirements. The rate of pay will be \$22/hour. Roll-Call Vote – unanimous. The Galaxy Hill culvert will arrive on Friday. Jim was given the go-ahead to order culverts for the Caper Street project since VTrans has signed off and all paperwork is in. The certificate of insurance has been filed. Keith Fellows from Two Rivers did site visits with Emily and Jim on Bunker Hill/King's Highway, Handy Road, Galaxy Hill. Culverts and ditching will be done on King's Hwy. Dick Shultz will get to the work Jim asked for in mid – late September. The Cloudland Bridge project will start in two weeks. They know they must be out of the water by 10/01/2019. Truck #3 is at Sabils

- b. Fuel Price Contract Acceptance: Bids were received from Dead River and Irving Oil. Irving prices were less for both diesel and propane. Frank moved and Steve seconded the contract be awarded to Irving. Roll-Call Vote – unanimous.
- c. Wayside Road Maintenance -- Bill Pape, who lives on the Bridgewater side of Wayside, called to report the roads had not been graded. Emily will reach out to the Bridgewater Select Board to work out the previous agreement.
- d. Truck Bids – tabled to next meeting
- e. Sand Bids – Frank Moved and John seconded that the contract be awarded to D&D. Roll-Call– unanimous.
- f. Aggregate Bid – Based on price comparison (Pike & Twin State) Frank moved and john seconded the contract be awarded to Pike. Last year’s prices are good until 10/15/19) Roll-Call Vote – unanimous  
Emily and Jim met with Caleb who suggested the Howe Hill RFP be sent early – Emily will email Jon Harrington and the Sharon Board.
- g. Artistry Driveway Permit – Joe McLean reports there is no conflict. John moved we issue the permit on a seasonal basis (June-August) for use of the “Farm road with no improvements.” Frank 2<sup>nd</sup>; Roll-Call Vote – unanimous.
- h. Bowley Driveway Permit – Heidi Bowley, Greg Tuthill, Jim, Steve, and Emily will attend a site visit tomorrow morning at 7 am. Will be added to the next meeting agenda
- i. John. Moved that Silo Distillery Permit be granted for a 09/06/2019 event at Artistree. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll-Call Vote – unanimous.
- j. Follow-up Information Technology – tabled to next meeting.
- k. Dirt Daze at Suicide Six. Complaints/comments were heard from several residents over the weekend regarding unexpected motor cycle activity. Tim Reiter, Manager of Suicide 6, was in attendance to answer questions. Most residents saw this as a positive event, bringing business to the area – as reported at Teago and Maplefields. Pam Pickett described the early noise as disturbing and she felt 200+ people camping was a bit too much. Mr. Reiter said the original projection was for fewer people, but additional sponsored had added some “hype” drew more to the event. For the most part these people were obeying traffic laws respectfully, and Mr. Reiter reported a completed clean area when they left. The event originated at Lake George and has grown significantly. It was agreed that for future events Mr. Reiter will attend a Select Board meeting in advance so notice can be given to residents. Emily also suggested caution signs and traffic control be used as well. Christina stated she was happy to see the venue being used for different occasions and hoped we could encourage future happenings.
- l. Ongoing List of Meeting Agenda Topics –
  - 1. Scott would like to encourage and support the broader use of SharePoint for record keeping, i.e., circulating agenda items. He also feels there may be outstanding appointments which need to be renewed-- he will check minutes and determine if there are any appointments that need updating. The list will be circulated at the next meeting.
  - 2. Neil Lamson has met with a FEMA representative who informed him there are mitigating funds available for culverts at Graded Ledge and Sugarbush that were

damaged in Irene. There needs to be a hydraulic study done on these two areas. VTrans has been contacted.

- m. Use and Maintenance of SharePoint –Scott would like to see SharePoint used on a regular basis. Emily confirmed that she does use it but the indexing needs to be better defined. Neil found the FEMA documents easily. Scott will develop a presentation for the next meeting. Slack Software will also be presented.
6. Meeting Wrap Up
  - a. Correspondence – none
  - b. Review of Assignments – Steve – Truck bids; John – Slack; Scott – SharePoint; Frank – 08/07/2019 minutes; Emily – Bridgewater Selectboard, Sharon/Howe Hill, PACIF grant; Scott & John – Town hall deficiencies
  - c. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Executive session for Purple Crayon Settlement; Pedestrian sign/speed limit for crest of the hill at the Town Hall; Sy Benoit roadside debris from spring storm; Suicide Six historic marker; Bowley Driveway
7. Adjournment – John moved; Frank second; Role Call unanimous. 8:47 pm.