

Pomfret Selectboard  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
09/02/2020

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, John Peters

Public: Ben Brickner (Auditor, Zoning), John Moore (Planning Comm.), Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Cathy Peters, Christine Cole, Ellen des Muerles (Treasurer), Cynthia Hewitt (Selectboard Asst)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
2. No Public Comment
3. Agenda Review: Schultz request for private cemetery plot. John moved and Steve seconded this item be added to the agenda. Unanimous roll-call vote
4. Recurring Items
  - a. Approval of 08/05 and 08/24/2020 Minutes. Scott submitted several edits to the 08/05 Minutes. John moved and Steve seconded the minutes be approved with suggested edits. Unanimous roll-call vote.
  - b. Warrants for Approval

21018	\$449,318.59	Accounts payable
21010	7,812.94	Refunds
21017	10,058.26	Payroll

Emily moved and Steve seconded these warrants be paid. Jim asked Caleb to send an invoice including all subcontracting bills in order to release the Pike funds. Unanimous roll-call vote
  - c. Road Foreman's Report -- Bunker Hill culverts are all in and ditches lined with stone; hardpack to be delivered tomorrow. Seeding to be completed. Justin is on vacation the week of 9/14. Amber Erkiletian from Thistlehill has asked for speed limit signs on Old King's highway. She would like to be put on the agenda. Jim requested permission to purchase a Jumping Jack Compactor. Steve moved and John seconded that Jim be authorized to spend up to \$3000. He will get two bids for compactor and order the least expensive. Unanimous roll-call vote.
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
  - a. Truck bids – Steve will present at the next meeting (September 16)
  - b. Pike Bills – see 4b.
  - c. Fuel Prices

Emily has prices from Irving and Dead River

Irving	Fuel Oil	1.71	(Employees offered a 10¢/gal discount)
	Propane	1.295	
Dead River	Fuel Oil	1.79	
	Propane	1.31	

Emily will attempt to obtain prices from Junction Fuels tomorrow otherwise will go with Irving.
  - d. Teago Catch Basin

Jim said the Catch basin plan submitted by Dan Gurney is acceptable. The Town's part of the charge will be \$6300. Teago to pay for the other two basins. John moved and Steve seconded that Gurney be hired to do all work since the town may not have time and it is felt that doing it all at once with one contractor is the best way.

Unanimous roll-call vote. The site visit was on Monday was good. Jim approved.

Emily moved to approve the project with the stop bar as close to the intersection as possible and that all notations by Mr. Kaplan for pedestrian and bicycles be incorporated, and with the notation that things may need to be changed if the bridge needs to be repaired or replaced in the future. John second. Unanimous roll-call vote. Jim also agreed to extend the road closure to December 1<sup>st</sup> as long as the Teago crew keeps the area plowed, sanded, and salted as needed to provide safe passage for the Fire Department and the Picketts. John moved and Steve seconded to extend the road closure. Unanimous roll-call vote

- e. COLA Raises. Emily had confirmation from VLCT that the Board may not extend COLA to salaried employees nor those on stipend. Note to be included in the Budget Discussion. The motion to grant such raises on 08/19/2020 is rescinded. Emily moved and John seconded rescinding the vote. Unanimous roll-call vote.
  - f. Conflict of Interest discussion tabled until next meeting (09/16/2020)
  - g. Ambulance Bills. The town has been billed for ambulance service charges remaining after insurance payments. Since these are for 2019 Emily feels we should pay them. In the future any bills involving ambulance services at Suicide Six will be sent to S6.
  - h. Tax Collection Status: Ellen submitted her August financial report. The tax delinquencies are  $\pm$  \$60,000 greater than last year. For the total of \$450,000, three people are responsible for half of the deficit. She has yet to hear from the State the exact amount of taxes due.
  - i. Schultz Cemetery. The Schultzs seemed to follow guidelines for this proposal. They will be asked to submit a plan and schedule a site visit.
6. Meeting Wrap-Up
- a. No correspondence
  - b. Assignments: Steve -- Truck Bids. Emily --Junction Fuel, note to Schultz
  - c. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:  
Conflict of Interest, Truck Bids, HR, Budget Schedule, Capital Planning
  - d. John moved and Steve seconded for Adjournment at 8:21.