

November 18, 2020
Selectboard Meeting
Draft Minutes

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, Scott Woodward, John Peters, Chuck Gundersen

Public: Neil Lamson (Lister), Ben Brickner (ZBA, Auditor), John Moore (Planning), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst) Cathy Peters, Jim Potter (Road Commissioner), John Ricketson (Cap Plann Comm),

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
2. No public comment
3. Agenda Review – Gift cards for road crew. Steve moved and John seconded this item be added to the agenda; unanimous roll-call vote.
4. Recurring Items
 - a. Approve Minutes of 11/04/2020 and 11/18/2020 – 11/04/2020 --5b. Site visit date is 01/23/2020. 11/11/2020 Teago DECISION; Meeting date is 11/24/2020. Steve moved and John seconded the minutes be approved with these changes; unanimous roll-call vote.
 - b. Emily moved and Chuck seconded the following Warrants for Payment

21040	\$	6,194.93	Payroll
21041	\$	1,058,823.31	Accts Payable

Unanimous roll-call vote.
 - c. Road Foreman's Report. Working on the Better Roads Grant for the Pomfret Road Culvert. Will dig some test pits this week. Gearing up for winter. The loader has been running rough so had repair person come to look at it. He used some fuel cleaner and replaced a manifold injector – doing better. Second truck is in and will go into the next open slot at Viking. Jim and Chris Bump decided to leave the Pomfret Road closure at Teago for the winter. Jim will also change the Y to a T stop at Library Street/Stage Road. John moved and Steve seconded that Jim be authorized to do this. Sunapee Paving will be on site tomorrow and could do the necessary paving. Jim will also procure some barrels to help funnel the traffic. Unanimous roll-call vote. Pike sent notice re: updated charges for aggregates (3%) as of 01/01/2021; however, our contract with them begins on 07/01 thus the charges will not go up until then.
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Winter Road Maintenance – The VTrans website had good information re: calibrating trucks on how much salt to use depending on weather conditions. John will update the Town Winter Road Maintenance Policy with these guidelines and other timely changes. Jim will work with him. Scott reminded them that the Personnel Policy also has shift info so this needs to be shared with Teresa Miele, who is working on the Personnel Policy
 - b. Parsons' Site Visit
Emily and Jim looked at this and find there is no problem. Jim would like to be sure the approval be contingent on them removing brush to retain the sight distance. John moved, Chuck Seconded; unanimous roll-call vote.

- c. Waiving of Section 3.3. of the Social Services Policy. The town will waive petitions for regular Agencies, and put the question on the ballot. New agencies will be considered for what service and number of people served they might provide to the town. Scott feels the legislature will take this up in January, to eliminate signature requirements.
 - d. SE Vermont Council on Aging and The Thompson Senior Center. Joann Erenhouse from SE VT requested inclusion in the Agenda tonight; we also invited Deanna Jensen Jones, Director of the Thompson Senior Center, who provides the Pomfret Elders with essential services. Joann explained the assistance her Council provides to seniors in Windsor/Windham Counties. She works with the Thompson as far as meals and direct services are concerned. Deanna explained the Council's financial support of her Meals on Wheels program, and other ways they help out. She has three meal routes in pomfret, she also stated that there are Pomfret residents who keep tabs of their neighbors and alert Thompson if need be.
 - e. Adoption of Australian Ballot for Town Meeting – VLTC recommended we put notice in the minutes of ratifying the Australian ballot. John moved and Scott seconded this adoption. Unanimous roll-call vote. Becky is working with the Secretary of State on the process involved.
 - f. Dog Officer. John has volunteered to act as dog officer. He needs more information and needs to take a "Humane Treatment of Animals" class.
 - g. Private Road Signs. John moved and Chuck seconded the town provide signs for roads with 3 or more houses; unanimous roll-call vote.
 - h. Schultz Burial. Scott has obtained the GPS coordinates which will be recorded in the land records.
 - i. Capital Planning Report. Scott thanked Jim Potter for his attendance and input at meetings. John Rickettsen thanked the Town for asking him to join the Committee and enjoyed the process. The report explains two different pathways for the highway budget – that of saving up for large purchases; compared to dealer financing. The baseline has been set and will now be deliberated.
 - j. Scott moved and John seconded that the Highway Crew once again be given gift certificates (Visa gift cards) in the amount of \$250; unanimous roll-call vote.
 - k. John noticed the Town Web Site is somewhat out of date, esp. re: the school board. He will talk to Becky about updating.
6. Meeting Wrap Up
- a. Correspondence – Emily has heard from an abutter re: difficulty in attending a Zoning hearing via Zoom.
 - b. Review of Assignments: Emily Parson's permit, Jim Teago Y to T. John Winter Road Maintenance, Section 3:3
 - c. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: winter road maintenance
 - d. John moved and Steve seconded Adjournment at 9:15 pm. Unanimous roll-call vote.