

Town of Pomfret
Selectboard Meeting DRAFT minutes
December 16, 2020

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

Public: Neil Lamson (Auditor), Jim Potter (Road Foreman), John Moore (Planning Commission), Mike Doten (Public Funds), Marge Wakefield (Public Funds), Cathy Peters, Bob, Ben Brickner (Auditor), Nancy Matthews (Auditor), Ellen DesMeules (Treasurer), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6 pm
2. There was no public comment
3. Agenda Review - -Emily postponed discussion of ambulance bills. Discussion of highway budget moved to earlier slot so Jim could get ready for plowing. John moved and Steve seconded approval - Unanimous roll-call vote
4. Recurring Items
 - a. Approval of 12/02/2020 Meeting Minutes. Emily corrected the price of grader motor to \$20,000 not \$2000. Chuck corrected his motion to read “the board will not seek an Act 250 hearing” re: Suicide 6.
 - b. Steve moved and Chuck seconded payments of the following Warrants for Approval. Unanimous roll-call vote

21047	\$10,952.67	Payroll
21048	8,860.00	A/P
20149	36,566.00	VLCT Insurance
 - c. Road Foreman’s Report
Jim reports a rock-slide in the Gulf, below Keith Riley’s; this is of very big rocks which are held up only by small trees. This is an emergency and Jim was advised to hire the necessary equipment ASAP. It was also reported that there is a pending situation above the NP Fire Station – it appears someone is dumping materials over the bank. Jim believes this is on Carpenter’s property and he will speak with them. Jim has had Rita Setoe from Two Rivers and Marcus Miller from VTRANS observe the new 3-way stop in So. Pomfret. They both approved. He sat nearby for an hour on Saturday night and reports all traffic obeyed. He has ordered some cautionary lights on barrels to put up as well. The new truck is to be finished on Friday and they will pick it up.
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Grader RFP – Scott asked the bid ask for prices for both cash and financing if available. It was also suggested the RFP be. Placed on the State Web Site. Scott moved and Chuck seconded approval of the RFP with discussed edits. Unanimous roll-call vote
 - b. USDA Application – Scott circulated a draft copy. It still needs a financial document from Ellen. Scott moved we submit this application after the board sees finished paper-work He would like to offer the taxpayers another option for financing new equipment. Ellen and Emily noted the town has never borrowed money other than post-Irene.

- c. Highway Budget – A structures grant application has been submitted for the Cloudland Project. The Pomfret Road culvert/bridge must be done as soon as possible. The budget was gone over line by line with some adjustments.
 - d. On Demand Generator – Jim is waiting for confirmation of prices from two vendors.
 - e. Winter Road Policy – the new truck will be calibrated for reduced salt usage. Further discussion was tabled to after-budget.
 - f. Charitable Donation Allocation – Emily will find out how to establish a donated fund to encourage more donations. Steve moved and Chuck seconded Emily to ahead with this. Unanimous roll-call vote.
 - g. Voter Backed Articles on Town Meeting Warning. Emily has had no response from VLCT for this in regards to legal ramifications. John moved and Steve seconded that no individual petitions without signatures be allowed. Roll-call vote 4 ayes and 1 abstention.
6. Meeting Wrap Up
- a. Select Board Correspondence – none
 - b. Review of Assignments – Scott finish USDA grant application
 - c. Agenda for Next Meeting – Budget, Dolan Contribution, USDA Application
 - d. John moved and Scott seconded adjournment at 9:25 pm. Unanimous roll-call vote.