

Town of Pomfret Selectboard
08/04/2021 Approved Minutes

Present: Emily Grube, Steve Chamberlin, John Peters, Jonathan Harrington

Public: Kevin Rice. (Fire Chief), Greg Olmstead (FD), Jake Astbury (FD), Holly Strahan (Fast Squad), Jim Potter (Road Foreman), John Moore (Planning Commission), Karen Hewitt Osnoe (ZBA and Collector of Delinquent Taxes), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Assistant)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm
2. Public Comment – None
3. Review of Agenda – Move items G&H to C&D. Add Pilot driveway. Dog Complaint. Steve moved and John Seconded, motion passed
4. Recurring Items
 - a. John moved Approval of 07/21 and 07/28/2021 Minutes; Steve seconded; motion carried
 - b. Warrants – Steve moved and John seconded payment of the following:
Warrant #22009 \$19591.38 Accounts Payable
Unanimous Vote
Road Foreman’s Report -- Jim and Steve will do a site visit at the Emmons’ property on Cloudland Road Thursday morning with Will Emmons, Seth a Green Mountain Forester. Next week he will have a site visit at Murphy’s. Jim has been grading and putting the roads back together after all the rain. The pick-up truck is back; Lucky’s fixed the hydraulics. The Western Star is at Sabils, needs a block heater and some ABS work. The new tandem with some work on the pump and then is ready for paint. Christine Pilot has failed to receive her return-receipt letter and failed to perform necessary work to satisfy her driveway permit. Emily will speak with Sherriff about next steps.
Lyn Bertram asked to borrow the tractor and mower; It is being repaired.
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Milling price from Pike. John moved and Steve seconded that the Board accept the Milling Price from Pike for \$6500 to mill bridges back while paving Pomfret Road. Unanimous
 - b. Line & Fence Work at Teago. DEW sent Jon a photograph of the finished project. There are problems with the Handicapped parking space. Jim will start a conversation with DEW regarding finalization of the situation.
 - c. Fire Truck Bid Award
Kevin, Greg and Jake attended the meeting to explain the bid openings for a new fire-truck. They received 3 bids, and have decide to award the bid to EOne for the very competitive price of \$287,277. The truck will include life saving extraction tools bringing he price up to \$317, 778. The FD has \$134,129 in their equipment reserve, along with \$22,071. John moved and Steve seconded the Board release payment in the amount of \$161,578 at the time of delivery. Carried
 - d. Emergency Services The Board is interested in best meeting the needs for emergency services in the Town and believes the best first step is to form a committee with representation from the Fire Department, Fast Squad and Select Board. The Woodstock Ambulance services will also be involved as well as, perhaps, Hartford Ambulance.

Holly Strahan agreed to serve as a member of the fast squad and will communicate with other squad members to add suggested topics, etc. She explained that some of the squad are away for extended summer vacations but should be reachable in September.

- e. Collector of Delinquent Taxes – The planning Commission recommends that Karen Osnoe be paid the same for Collector of Delinquent Tax work as she is paid for ZBA (\$23/hour). John moved that Karen be paid \$20.40/hour & 3% COL plus \$2.50 hour merit, for a total of \$23.50. Steve seconded; unanimous. This will be retroactive to July 1, 2021. We will check with nearby towns to compare pay rates.
- f. VTRANS Bike & Pedestrian Grant. Jon moved and Steve seconded this project is to be named the South Pomfret Village Scoping Study. Emily signed the paperwork and named Ellen as the authorized municipal officer. Carried
- g. Audio Visual Equipment – John found that the projector works and the addition of Apple TV will allow video broadcasts. After research, he recommends the OWL directional speaker/camera to improve quality of zoom transmissions, now that the board is in person at the town offices. Zoom is definitely the platform to continue with recordings. The board voted 3 ayes and 1 nay against the owl. Jon continues to reject the idea of the board meetings being videotaped. John Moore suggested the Planning Commission buy an OWL from Best Buy (30-day return policy) to see how it works. Decision tabled to next meeting.
6. Meeting wrap up
 - a. Correspondence –Michael Zube’s dog on Broad Brook has been in the middle of the road 3 times recently, impeding traffic as well as putting itself in harm’s way Cynthia to send Dog Letter.
 - b. Emily will speak with the Sherriff re: Pilot letter, patrolling Teago parking
 - c. Agenda Items for next Meeting – continue audio/visual research/discussion\
7. John moved and Steve seconded for adjournment at 9:22 pm. Unanimous.