

TOWN OF POMFRET SELECT BOARD
Approved Minutes 01/19/2022

Present: Emily Grube Steve Chamberlin, Jon Harrington, John Peters, Chuck Gundersen

Public: Ben Brickner (Auditor, ZBA), Cathy Peters, Nancy Matthews (Auditor), Michelle, Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst)

1. Emily called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm
2. No Public comment
3. Agenda Review – Review warning, virtual meetings, Driveway permit, set tax rate. John moved and Steve Seconded agenda be set as amended; unanimous roll call vote.
4. Recurring Items:
 - a. Warrants
22065 \$28,165.12 Accounts Payable
Emily moved and Steve seconded approval for payment. Unanimous
 - b. Approval of 01/05/2022 minutes – Steve moved, John 2nd. Unanimous; 01/11/22 minutes deferred
 - c. Road Foreman report. Jim is waiting to hear back from generator dealers. Loader was leaking antifreeze. Nortrax suggested new thermostat, hose, and clamp; Jim replaced these and changed the oil. Keith Sawyer was plowing at White River Lane when a large black Suburban rear-ended his truck. The driver was very rude and verbally abusive. This same person nearly created a collision with Jim at LaBounty road a few weeks ago. Jim exchanged insurance information. Carmen Noradunghian submitted a driveway permit; Jim will set up a site visit.
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Allyn Ricker. Jim would like to hire Allyn Ricker to oversee the Cloudland Box culvert Project this coming summer. Alan has the history and expertise for such assignment. He works part time for Two Rivers and they are in favor. He will plan to meet daily with the project foreman. He will be put onto the Town's payroll. Steve moved and Chuck seconded that Alan Ricker be hired to oversee the Cloudland Project. Unanimous roll-call votes
 - b. Cloudland Project Bids: Eight bids were received. Information will be put into a spread sheet for comparison and decision will be made at a Special Board Meeting on 02/26/2022. Bidders were: Avery Excavation, Northwoods Inc., G&N Excavation, Inc., Notts Excavation, Charlestown Excavation, Fenoff Excavation, Guerne Brothers, Daniels Construction.
 - c. John moved and Steve seconded we formally adopt Australian Ballot format for Town Meeting. Unanimous vote. John moved and Chuck seconded ballots be sent to all registered voters. Unanimous vote
 - d. John moved and Steve seconded that we set the date for pre-Town Meeting informational meeting for Saturday, February 19th at 9 am. Via Zoom. Unanimous
 - e. Approval of Budget Narrative. Chuk moved and Steve seconded the budget narrative be approved as writing, once the final numbers are double checked.
 - f. Town Meeting Warning finalized. Since we are attempting to stagger Board terms we need to talk with VLCT attorneys for proper language. Will schedule a Special

Meeting once correct language is received. Dates for tax collection are Aug 20th and Feb 4.

- g. Bike/Pedestrian Grant. Jon has met with Nidia. There are three options for obtaining RFP. We will discuss and decide at the next meeting. 02/02/22
- h. Ben asked for clarification on some town offices for the Town Report
- i. Warning must posted 30-40 days before Town Meeting. Board members will sign it on Monday, 02/24/2022
- j. After the Governors legislation signed today John moved and Steve seconded virtual Zoom Board meetings from now until the end of March. Vote 4 aye/1nay; motion carried
- k. John moved and Steve seconded for adjournment at 8:05 pm. Unanimous