

Town of Pomfret Select Board Meeting  
02/02/2022. Draft Minutes

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

Public: Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Ben Brickner (Auditor, ZBA), Nancy Matthews (Auditor), Neil Lamson (Lister), John Ricketson, Cathy Peters, Betsy Rhodes (Library), Scott Pierce, Jun Wenzhen (Vt Standard), John Moore (Planning Commission), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst)

1. Emily Called the meeting to order at 6:00PM
2. Public Comment: M & M Ricketson inquired about the recent List Serve exchange regarding the Fast Squad. John Peters explained that an ambulance call to Wild Apple Road took nn45 minutes last spring. The Select Board has decided to form an Emergency Services Committee, with 2 members from the fire department, 2 from the fast squad, and 2 select board members. We need to ensure the best protection of our town in transporting citizens to the hospital in a timely manner. This committee will not in any way tell the Fire Dept or Fast Squad what to do. We will work collaboratively with Woodstock, Hartford, and Quechee to streamline all services, i.e., fire, fast,, communications, dispatch, radios, etc.
3. Review of Agenda – none
4. Recurring Items
  - a. Warrants  
22071      \$23,351.61      A/P  
Steve moved and Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> payment; unanimous roll-call vote
  - b. Approval of Minutes  
01/05, 19,21, 26/22 Corrected misspelling; unanimous roll call vote for each
  - c. Road Foreman’s Report – Jim reports they have started taking down trees on LeBaron’s corner, with the landowner’s permission. Repairs on the Loader cost \$11,564 and include a head gasket; should be returned this week. Jim would like to petition off part of the office so he can separate the desk, phone, computer into a 10x12 cube with a door and thus provide a private office. The board agreed this is necessary. The crew can handle the construction. Steve moved and Chuck seconded that Jim be authorized to build a 10x12 area. Unanimous roll call vote
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
  - a. Highway Ordinance. Sherriff Claude Weyant has pointed out a discrepancy on the speed limit on Howe Hill between Pomfret and Sharon. Emily moved and John seconded enforcement of 35mph only where it is posted. Unanimous roll call vote. A Vtrans speed study is recommended
  - b. Cloudland Contract – Jon has drafted a contract. He needed guidance re: deadline, reserve payments for subcontractors, and performance bond. He will complete editing and present the contract at the next meeting 02/16/2022. Emily suggested we have legal look at the contract as well.
  - c. Structures and Paving Grants – Emily would like to apply for both Grants. The engineering has been done for the culvert on Pomfret Road (between Johnson Rd and Galaxy Hill). We should apply for the paving grant just to get into the queue.

- d. Noradunghian Driveway – Jon, Jim, Steve, and Emily performed a site visit and have reservations re: safety, ROW, etc. They need Jim’s input. Jon is the engineer on the project and will confer with Ms. Noradunghian (He has recused himself from voting). This item will be revisited at the next meeting.
  - e. Dog Issue. Jon met with Ms. Siebeck and has prepared a final letter. Chuck moved and John seconded that the letter be sent. Unanimous roll-call vote. Emily feels there is still a remarkable safety issue due to speed limits on back roads.
  - f. The board renewed a mask mandate for another 30 days. Chuck moved and Jon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous roll call vote
  - g. Cynthia will work with Becky to get the ballots out on time
  - h. ARPA Funding – Neil presented the list of projects; he states we should finalize by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Emily would like him to determine if solar panels could be a consideration. It is also suggested we get an HVAC engineer to look at ventilation for the town offices.
  - i. South Pomfret Pedestrian/Bike Study. John has received the next step in consultant procurement. The Board agreed on using the action ready Option 3. Jon moved and John seconded this action be taken. Unanimous roll call vote
6. Meeting Wrap Up
    - a. No correspondence
    - b. Review of assignments- Emily will send information re: S Pomfret plans to Betsy RHODES; Jon will complete Cloudland Project; and draw up an RFP for HVAC; Cynthia will stuff envelopes to get the ballots out
    - c. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Howe Hill Speed Limit, Noradunghian driveway, continue S Pomfret discussion
  7. Steve Moved and John seconded for adjournment at 8: 30 pm. Motion passed