

TOWN OF POMFRET SELECT BOARD
FEBRUARY 16, 2022. DRAFT MINUTES

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

Public: Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Ben Brickner (Auditor, ZBA), John Moore (Planning Commission), Bill Emmons (Planning Commission), Neil Lamson (Lister), Cathy Peters, Jun Wenzhen (Vt Standard), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst), Eric Parker s

1. Emily called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
2. Public Comment none
3. Agenda Review okay
4. Recurring Items
 - a. Warrants

22075	Tax refunds	\$ 6,927.90
22076	A/P	33,708.34

Steve moved and Chuck seconded approval for payments. Unanimous roll-call vote
 - b. Jon moved and Emily seconded approval of minutes for 02/02 & 02/09/2022
Unanimous roll-call vote
 - c. Road Foreman's Report – The loader is back and running well. Much less smoke. Jim has called around for prices on materials to build an office – Lavalley's had the best price at \$2180 (others were \$2390 and \$2987). Steve moved and Chuck seconded the Board authorize Jim to spend +/- \$2100 for materials to set up an office. Jim reports that Brookfield Generator will visit next Tuesday; Vt Generator will get back to him after March 1. There will need to be special wiring and Jim will get hold of Alex Eastman. Jim will purchase Carbide blades for the under-belly scraper trucks; they are \$1700 each but will last much longer than the regular blades. Check engine light is on in Truck #3. Dan Clark will come down next week to set up the garage phone so they can transmit warnings over the phone to Clarks. 3/4" stone is being delivered in anticipation of mud-season. Jim asked Jon who at Horizons should be the point person for Cloudland – Will Davis, the VP is the person. He would like Allyn to be involved with the project from the get-go, i.e., when the shop drawing comes along. Jim has scheduled a site visit at Greg Greene driveway for Tuesday, 2/22/22 at 8:30 am.
- D. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Noradunghian Driveway – Jon presented revised design with improved slope detail and site access. Eric Parker, a title insurance representative, has done a deep title search and found only an easement for Clyde Totman to move his cows over the hill. Since there are no cows, there is no legal access, no prescriptive easement. Emily has concerns re: snow plowing into and across the town highway; potential for mud/landslides on the steep banks. These need to be worked into the permit provisions. Jon stated he has no concerns re: reliability of the revised plans. John Peters moved and Chuck seconded that we send plans and descriptions, the history, etc. to Town Attorney to seek the best course of action for the town. Unanimous roll-call vote – Jon recused himself since he is the engineer.

- a. Cloudland Culvert Project – Northwoods has send the bond and insurance paperwork. Next step is the shop drawing, which Horizons and Allyn will review.
 - b. Greg Greene driveway – Jim has scheduled a site visit on 02/22/2022
 - c. Howe Hill speed limit – Emily has learned that a traffic hearing and hearings would be necessary to change the speed limit; she does not feel it is worth it for 7/10 of a mile. John moved and Steve seconded the valid speed limits be posted as is.
Unanimous roll-call vote
 - d. Reappraisal Contract – Neil presented the contract for reappraisals which will be conducted beginning in April 2023. Appraisal Resource Group was the lowest of 6 bids @\$54,000. Stitchell & Paige and the contractor have reviewed and approved the contract. Emily moved and Steve 2nd approval of the contract and authority for Emily to sign the contract as Chair on behalf of the Board.
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Unanimous roll-call vote
 - f. Preparation for Informational Meeting – Saturday, 02/19/2022 at 9:00 am; Kevin Geiger is moderator; he will go over the Warning and answer questions. Cynthia will put an announcement on Listserve; it is also in the Standard
 - g. ARPA Funding – Neil is awaiting the interpretation of a final rule. VLCT has recommended waiting to spend the money file a report. Becky is working on bids for handicap access to the town office as well as a ventilation system.
 - h. Covered Bridge Half Marathon – Necessary paperwork has been received. Race takes place on June 5th. John moved and Chuck seconded approval. They would like Jim to grade River Road ahead of the race. Motion carried.
 - i. South Pomfret Discussion & Choosing Consultants. Jon explained that we must choose 3/6 consultants from whom we will elicit bids for the Pedestrian/Bicycle Scoping Study. After discussion of all six, The Board decided on DuBois, CHA, & VHP
5. Meeting Wrap Up
- a. SB Correspondence – Emily received notice that our Flood Hazard Mitigation plan expires 04/2022. Neil will prepare the paper work.
 - b. Review of Assignments – Emily will notify Covered Bridge Half Marathon that we accepted their plan. John will send Noradunghian driveway paperwork to Joe McLean.
 - c. Agenda Items for next meeting – Noradunghian driveway; Greene Driveway
6. John moved; Steve 2nd Adjournment at 8:54 pm. Motion carried