

Town of Pomfret Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024

Present: Benjamin Brickner, Meg Emmons, Emily Grube

Public: Ben Ford, Sherri Sousa, Jim Fenn, Marlena McNamee, Bob Crean, Keri Bristow, Patty Kuzmickas, Terry Antal, Kyle Hansen, Greg Greene, Kevin Geiger, Hillary White, Alan Graham, Kris Graham, Andy Mann, Betsy Rhodes, Caroline Shepard, Cory Smith, Erik Liscinsky, Gerry Fields, Jeff White, Kate Walker, Katie Brickner, Kelly Barger, Leigh Sherwood, Lydia Locke, Lynne Davenport, Nancy Matthews, Neil Lamson, Norine Hopewell, Paige Hiller, Richard Martin, Deb Martin, Thomas Digiacomo, Vern Clifford, John Moore, Cynthia Hewitt (Selectboard Assistant)

1. Ben called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Mountain Views School District Presentation – Representatives of the Mountain Views School District made a presentation and took question about educational taxes and the upcoming school bond vote. Additional information is available at <https://mntnviews.org/breaking-new-ground>.
3. Agenda Review – Ben moved and Meg seconded that Items 5, 6A, 6D and 6E be deleted, that item 6I be moved to before item 6G, and that delinquent tax matters be added before item 6J. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
4. Town Highway Mileage Certificate – Emily moved and Ben seconded approval of the certificate as presented (the figures are unchanged since last year). Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
5. Highway Access Permit (Dinsmoor Road) – Comments were heard from the parties and counsel to Hillary White and Phil Dechert. This matter will be included on the January 24 agenda after Jim Potter has been consulted.
6. FY 2025 Budget – The budget is complete and can be approved once the social services petition deadline passes in the next few days. This matter will be included on the January 24 agenda for approval.
7. Continuation of Selectboard Committees – The Energy Committee and the Emergency Service Committee having completed their work, Emily moved and Meg seconded that these committees be dissolved. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
8. Annual Report Deliverables
 - a. Selectboard Report – Meg moved and Emily seconded approval of the Selectboard report as presented. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
 - b. Town Highway Equipment List – Meg moved and Emily seconded approval of the town highway equipment list as presented. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
 - c. Town Officer List – Ben moved and Meg seconded approval of the town officer list with the two dissolved committees deleted. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).
 - d. Budget Narrative – To be finalized and approved at the January 24 meeting.
 - e. Town Meeting Warning – To be finalized and approved at the January 24 meeting.
9. Delinquent Tax Matters – Ben will ask Karen Osnoe to contact several delinquent tax payers about their delinquent balances and payment plans before the FY 2024 tax payment deadline on February 2.

10. Warrants – Ben moved and Emily seconded approval for payment of the following warrants:

24060	\$ 10,465.02	Payroll
204XX ^[*]	36,858.58	A/P

Unanimous (John and Steve absent).

11. Approval of January 3, 2024 Minutes – Emily moved and Meg seconded approval January 3, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Unanimous (John and Steve absent).

12. Meeting Wrap Up

a. Correspondence – Peace Field Farm hearing; Meg has corrected ARPA fund balance and will circulate.

b. Review of Assignments – Ben to contact Jim re: Dinsmoor Road and Karen re: delinquent taxes.

c. Agenda for Next Meeting – Town Garage boiler replacement, Barber Hill Road culvert removal, Wild Apple culvert RFP, approve FY 2025 budget and remaining FY 2023 town report deliverables.

13. Adjournment – Emily moved and Meg seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous (John and Steve absent). The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

* **Editor’s Note:** Due to a NEMRC outage, a warrant for accounts payable could not be printed before the Selectboard’s meeting. The Selectboard instead approved an itemized list of expenses to be paid prepared by the Treasurer. The related warrant will be ratified by the Selectboard at its January 24 meeting.