

Town of Pomfret Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

Present: Benjamin Brickner, John Peters, Steve Chamberlin, Meg Emmons, Emily Grube

Public: John Moore, Jim Potter, Marcy Potter, Christina Chamberlin, Jim Morgan, Kevin Rice, Maureen Martin, Neil Lamson, Geri Fields, Steve Brown, Jason Levin, Dottie Deans, Patrick Potter, Zack Potter, Morgan Potter, Vern Clifford, Greg Olmstead, Cathy Peters, Ed Scheuermann, Alan Graham, Chris Graham, Cory Swingle, Bob Crean, Tyler Wellington, Greg Hartford, Endine Peters, Angie Tessier, Seton McIlroy, Hillary White, Amelia Peters, "Cara's iPhone", "Dana", "J"

1. Ben called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Agenda Review – John moved and Steve seconded the addition of Dinsmoor Road before Item 5B (Warrants). Unanimous.
3. Public Comment – Several residents requested information regarding the recent resignation of Pomfret's Road Foreman, Jim Potter. The Selectboard explained that as an employee matter, the Selectboard was limited in what information it could provide in a public session. Mr. Potter asked that the matter be discussed in public session. Many residents then praised Jim's dedication and skill in consistently providing the safest roads in the area. Public comment on this matter continued for about two hours. Maureen Martin suggested mediation, which the Selectboard agreed to pursue.
4. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Employment of Public Employees – No discussion or decisions made.
 - b. Highway Access Permit (Dinsmoor Road) – Steve will contact additional contractors to develop a plan to finish work at the intersection of Bartlett Brook Road and Dinsmoor Road.
 - c. Warrants – Steve moved and Meg seconded approval for payment of the following warrant:
25026 \$ 450,111.73 A/P
Unanimous.
 - d. Right-of-Way Crossing Permit (Starbuck Road) – The Right-of-Way Crossing permit application at Starbuck Road was approved without objection with the following conditions: (1) sleeving to be installed under road and (2) traveled way to be restored to prior condition promptly after work is completed.
5. Executive Session
 - a. Ben moved and Emily seconded that the Selectboard enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(A) to discuss contracts, the premature general public knowledge of which would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage. Unanimous. The Selectboard entered executive session at 9:33 pm.
 - b. The Selectboard exited executive session at 9:51 pm, with no decisions having been made therein.
6. Meeting Wrap Up
 - a. Correspondence – Pike Industries is expected to provide a quote to pave the town office parking lot, though the work may not get done until next year. The quote is expected before the next regular meeting on October 2.

- b. Review of Assignments – Steve will contact contractors re: Dinsmoor Road; Ben will continue searching for the Holden Survey for Meg.
 - c. Agenda for Next Meeting – Wild Apple Road culvert close-out documentation, employment of public employees, town office parking lot paving.
7. Adjournment – Meg moved and Steve seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.