

Town of Pomfret Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2026

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

Public: Kevin Geiger

1. **Call to Order** – Ben called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Agenda Review** – None.
3. **Executive Session**
 - a. Ben moved and Meg seconded that the Selectboard enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(A) to discuss contracts, and find that the premature general public knowledge of which would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage. Unanimous. The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:01 pm.
 - b. John moved and Emily seconded that the Selectboard exit executive session. Unanimous. The Selectboard exited executive session at 7:23 pm, with no decisions having been made therein.
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Items for Discussion or Vote**
 - a. **2026 Annual Meeting Warning Correction** – Kevin Geiger, town moderator, called to the Selectboard’s attention a typo in the local option tax article (Article 5) of the 2026 Annual Meeting Warning approved on January 21. The article used the language “and/or” when the Selectboard’s intention was to propose a local option tax on all three eligible categories (sales; meals and alcoholic beverages; and rooms). Ben explained that the problematic language had been inadvertently copy-pasted from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) model warning articles document, where such language was intended as a placeholder to guide municipal drafters, not for verbatim use. The language has been corrected to read “and”. Ben moved and John seconded that the Selectboard rescind the Annual Meeting Warning approved on January 21, and adopt and approve the Annual Meeting Warning with the edit discussed. Unanimous.

The Selectboard also discussed logistics for the informational hearing scheduled for Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 am at the Pomfret Town Hall. One Selectboard member would be out of the country on that date but will attempt to participate via Zoom. The Selectboard confirmed that the hearing location would be the Town Hall (rather than the office building) to ensure adequate space, consistent with the prior year’s practice.
 - b. **2025 Annual Report Deliverables Updates** – The Selectboard confirmed that the 2026 Annual Report has not yet gone to print and therefore the corrected warning can be incorporated. The Selectboard indicated that no other changes to annual report numbering or deliverables are needed at this time. Ben will send the corrected warning to Cynthia and update the warning on the town website.
6. **Meeting Wrap Up**
 - a. **Correspondence** – None.

- b. **Review of Assignments** – Ben to distribute the corrected, signed warning to Cynthia and Becky for posting, and update the website version.
 - c. **Agenda for Next Meeting** – See January 21 meeting minutes.
- 7. **Adjournment** – John moved and Emily seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.