

Town of Pomfret Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026

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

Public: Frank Rogers, Cynthia Hewitt, John Moore, Christie Crowe, Eric Chase, Art Lewin, Mike Doten, Marie Robinson, Michael Miller

1. **Call to Order** – Ben called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Agenda Review** – Emily moved and Ben seconded the following changes: postpone Item 5B (Fire Department Truck Purchase) to July 1, and add an Executive Session before adjournment to discuss the Selectboard vacancy. Unanimous roll-call vote.
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Road Foreman Report** – Frank reported that roadside mowing on paved roads is finished and grading will be completed next week. The excavator will be returned next week. Green Mountain Power (GMP) will meet Frank at Wild Apple Road next Wednesday regarding a new power line access. In reviewing paperwork for the new Truck #3, Frank noted there was no mention of a trade-in. The Selectboard suggested that payment be deferred until the trade-in is clarified.
5. **Items for Discussion or Vote**
 - a. **Town Plan Update** – John Moore reported that the Town Plan has been revised and that Planning Commission member Tyler Wellington will circulate the revised version to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing on the revised draft during its July 15 regular meeting. John will send the legal notice to Cynthia, who will submit it to the *Standard* for next week's edition.
 - b. **Fall Foliage Traffic Management** – Cloudland Road resident Mike Doten outlined the arrangements requested by Cloudland Road and Barber Hill residents this year. They would like to close Cloudland Road (from the cemetery on River Road to Barber Hill) and eastbound Barber Hill from September 26 to October 13, 2026. They will ask Woodstock to eliminate the road closure sign at Billings Farm and arrange traffic management with Censor Security rather than using the Windsor County Sheriff's Department (WCSD). The Road Foreman noted that \$600 worth of signs were stolen last year. Ben asked if the residents would be willing to pay for missing signs; Mike will report back at the July 1, 2026, meeting.
 - c. **WCSD Patrol Contract Renewal** – Discussion was postponed pending further information from the Vermont State Police (VSP).
 - d. **Datamann Contract Renewal** – Becky informed the Selectboard that she and Ellen are happy with Datamann and prefer to stay with them. John moved and Emily seconded approving the new Datamann contract. Unanimous roll-call vote. Ben will sign and submit the same.
 - e. **Selectboard Vacancy Update** – Eric Chase spoke to the Selectboard regarding his interest in the vacant position, describing his qualifications and former experience on the Selectboard. Christie Crowe, a new resident on Galaxy Hill, also expressed interest in serving the town, noting her background as a teacher and guardian ad litem. A decision was deferred to after the executive session later in the meeting.

- f. **Town Administrator Hiring Update** – Ben will extend screening interview invitations to the seven candidates previously identified by the Selectboard. Ben, John, Ellen, and Becky will conduct the first round of interviews.
- g. **Warrants** – Emily moved and John seconded approval of the following warrants for payment:
 26116 \$ 52,299.07 A/P (excl. Truck Purchase)
 Unanimous roll-call vote.
- h. **Approval of May 20, June 3 and June 11, 2026 Minutes** – John moved and Steve seconded approval of the minutes of the May 20 and June 3 regular meetings, and of the June 11, 2026 special meeting as presented. Unanimous roll-call vote.
- 6. **Meeting Wrap Up**
 - a. **Correspondence** – Frank will meet with GMP on June 24 at 8:00 am regarding a new power line. Sergeant Soule of the VSP is preparing a speed study. Cynthia contacted Lieutenant Schweitzer of the VSP for information regarding a possible patrol contract with the VSP.
 - b. **Review of Assignments:** Frank to inquire regarding the Truck #3 trade-in; Cynthia will post the notice for the Town Plan hearing; and Ben will sign and return the Datamann contract.
 - c. **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Fire Department replacement truck, WCSD, Sessions Meadow driveway, and road crew replacement hiring
- 7. **Executive Session**
 - a. Ben moved and John seconded that the Selectboard enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(3) to discuss the employment of public employees. Unanimous roll-call vote. The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:55 pm.
 - b. John moved and Emily seconded that the Selectboard exit executive session. Unanimous roll-call vote. The Selectboard exited executive session at 8:15 pm.
- 8. **Appointment of Selectboard Member** – John moved and Emily seconded the appointment of Eric Chase to the Selectboard, to serve until the next town meeting. Motion carried (Brickner, Grube, Peters in favor; Chamberlin opposed).
- 9. **Adjournment** – John moved and Emily seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous roll-call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.