

Town of Pomfret Select Board Meeting
Minutes. March 2, 2022

Present: Emily Grube, John Peters, Steve Chamberlin, Jon Harrington, Ben Brickner

Public: Potter J (Road Foreman), Lamson N (Lister), Matthews N (Auditor), Peters C, Rhodes B (Library Trustee), Mitchell R, Reiter T (Planning Commission). Moore J (Planning Commission), Rice K (Fire Chief), Pearce Scott, Wakefield Marge (JP, Trustee of Public Funds & LaBounty

1. Emily Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
2. Public Comment: Neil offered a big thank you to Becky Fielder, vote counters, checklist workers, etc. Tim asked the board please consider allowing the mask mandate to expire. Jon postponed discussion of So Pomfret Scoping Study and RFP. Steve moved and Jon 2nd adding mask mandate to the agenda and postponement of So. Pomfret items. Motion carried.
3. Road Foreman's Report. Jim has asked Wind River Environmental to address the difficulties with the garage sewer; they will also videotape the sewer line. He will post the roads on Friday. Jim also suggested that since the budget passed, the RFP for the new ton-truck should be prepared asap. He, Steve, and John will do
4. Warrants – none submitted
5. Minutes – from 02/16&23/2022 –approved after discussion and amendments vote was 4 ayes; Ben abstained because he was not yet a member of the board.
6. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Performance Bond Joe McLean finds no problem. John moved and Jon seconded the board authorize Emily, as chair, to sign off on the performance and payment bond. Steve suggests turning over management of this project to Allyn Ricker.
 - b. Reorganization of Board: Steve nominated and Ben seconded Emily continue as Chair and John as Vice-Chair – Unanimous roll-call vote. Emily will need some help with agenda.
 - c. Rules & Procedure – Emily suggests rearranging items on the agenda by moving warrants and minutes to the end of the meeting. She would like Road Foreman's report to be first; followed by any outside presentations or discussions. This would allow Jim to have a shorter attendance as well as allow members of the public not to have to sit through an entire meeting to get to their particular interest. Ben moved and Steve seconded this suggested change; unanimous roll-call vote.
 - d. Appointments for the Coming Year
 - Animal Control Officer (vacant)
 - Citizen Trustee of Labounty Fund (Marjorie Wakefield)
 - Collector of Delinquent Taxes (Karen Hewitt)
 - Constable (Douglas Tuthill)
 - e911 Coordinator (Rebecca Fielder)
 - ECFiber (Alan Graham, Kristen Esty (1st alt.), Betsy Rhodes (2nd alt.))

- GUVSWD (Vernon Clifford, Douglas Tuthill (alt.))
- Planning Commission (John Moore, Ann Raynolds)
- Road Commissioner (vacant)
- Town Service Officer (Sheila Murray)
- Tree Warden (Cyrus Benoit, Alan Graham (deputy))
- TRORC Board of Directors (William Emmons, Phil Dechert (alt.))
- TRORC Transportation Committee (vacant)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (Benjamin Brickner, Shaun Pickett)
- Library Trustee (Mary Worrell)

Ben moved and John 2nd to appoint Mary Worrell to fill the vacant seat on the Abbott Library Board of Trustees; her name had slipped through the cracks. The appointment will expire at the next town meeting. Ben and Emily will split the list and notify

/enquire via email

- e. Structures and paving grant applications. Neil agrees to help with paperwork and he believes applications need to be made every year to each. There is a plan in place for the Pomfret Road Culvert. (between Johnson Rd and Galaxy Hill Rd). Jon suggested PIKE could come and evaluate the need for paving; Emily suggested Two Rivers could also be consulted. Emily suggested we could do from Starbuck Road towards the church if granted this year. Emily, Neil, and Kevin also spoke of needing improvement at the Library/Teago/Artistry intersection – both in parking, traffic management, and lighting.
 - f. Highway Ordinance and Driveway Permit agreement – There are some discrepancies between these two documents. We need to see to these, correct culvert specifications, and determine what to do with Cloudland Road Foliage season. Will need coordination with WC Sherriff, and perhaps Two Rivers. We must have a hearing before October and foliage season.
 - g. Restructuring Agenda – See C above.
7. Meeting Wrap Up
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Review of Assignments – Emily will send Neil paperwork
 - c. Agenda for next meeting: Cloudland Project Allyn Ricker to attend discussion of his role; So Pomfret Scoping Study – Choose a firm, RFP for this needs to be posted; Fourth man for Road Crew needs job description; invite Sherriff Claude for Cloudland Road Discussion
 8. John moved and Jon seconded for adjournment at 8:48 pm. Motion carried