

TOWN OF POMFRET SELECT BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2022

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Present: Emily Grube, Jon Harrington, John Peters, Chuck Gundersen, Steve Chamberlin

Public: Cathy Peters, Neil Lamson (Lister), Ben Brickner (Auditor, ZBA), Nancy Matthews (Auditor), John Moore (Planning Commission, Jim Potter (Road Foreman), Cynthia Hewitt (SB Asst)

1. Emily called the meeting to order at 6:04
2. No Public Comment
3. Review of Agenda – Winter maintenance – Postponed; Repeater – postpone to a special meeting; add Dog Control, Emergency Management Committee
4. Recurring Items
 - a. Approve 12/15 and 12/22/2021 minutes – 15th Jon was in attendance edit 5e. Steve moved and Chuck seconded approval of minutes after correction. Motion carried. Steve moved and Emily seconded approval; 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion carried
 - b. Warrants. John moved and Jon seconded approval for payment of the following warrants. Unanimous roll-call vote

22053	13,014.76	Payroll
22062	34,382.02	Accts Payable
 - c. Road Foreman's Report
The Cloudland Contractor will be covered by the ROW permission signed by the landowner and the park service. Jim suggested that Allyn Ricker would be available to oversee the Cloudland job. Steve and Jim will work up an RFP for a new truck to replace the Ford 550. Rich Beland has been thwarted by the weather and holidays on ventilating the garage. He will work on as soon as conditions permit
5. Items for Discussion or Vote
 - a. Winter Road Maintenance – postponed
 - b. Warning – postponed, pending petitions
 - c. Repeater – to be discussed in Executive Session
 - d. Procurement of Town Garage Generator—this is a safety issue and must be resolved. Local vendors will be sought for proposals. Steve suggested procuring generators for the fire stations be added in and perhaps securing a better price in a package deal, especially re: service contracts. We will also check for any available Grants.
 - e. Winter Parking Issues: The Bogburn ski race is cancelled due to snow conditions. Jim has not yet noted any parking problems other than Amity pond, where snow is being plowed across the road. Jim will post some signs at regular parking areas which get congested at times.
 - f. Review/Finalize Budget: The cost for cyber security is over stated; this was adjusted. After discussion Steve moved and John seconded approval of the budget as it stands, which is an 8% increase. 4 ayes ; 1 abstention. Motion carried. Ben will write. Up a budget summary; Chuck will write up a Select Board Summary
 - g. Bike & Pedestrian Grant – Jon will meet with Nydia on Friday

- h. Jim has approved the Neustadt easement; he and Ben will present the document to the Neustadts.
 - i. Bogburn Hall Ski Race – is cancelled for this year. Mr. Haydock will attend a Board Meeting in the fall with a plan for the 2023 race
 - j. ARPA funding – Ventilation of Town Offices and Town Hall would be covered. The Board agreed we need an HVAC engineer to consult on such a project. Audio Visual capabilities would be another covered expense. These are needed at both the Town Hall and Town Offices. K Rice and J Langhans will be asked for estimated costs.
 - k. Mask Mandate – The board unanimously reaffirmed a mask mandate for 30 days.
 - l. John moved and chuck seconded we add the video as well as audio recording of the Select Board meetings to the website; 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried
 - m. Paving and Structures Grant. We will apply for this grant this year. If funded, it could be used for the large culvert on Pomfret Road between Galaxy Hill Road and Johnson Road.
6. The town of Sharon contacted Emily about the possibility of sharing a Dog Officer. They do not have a constable as we do to take care of dogs. The board will consider this arrangement.
7. Meeting Wrap Up
- a. Correspondence – dog problem letter
 - b. Review of Assignments: Steve will talk with Kevin about generators; Jim will speak with Amity pond park service; Jim and Ben to deliver Neustadt easement; HVAC engineer to be consulted; 2nd response to dog letter – Chuck
 - c. John moved and Jon seconded adjournment at 8:52.