

Town of Pomfret  
5218 Pomfret Road  
North Pomfret, VT 05053

Draft Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Pomfret Selectboard Regular Meeting

Present: Frank Perron (Selectboard Chair), Emily Grube (Selectboard Member), Scott Woodward (Selectboard Member), John Peters, Jr. (Selectboard Member), Steve Chamberlin (Selectboard Member), And a representative from the Vermont Standard.

1. Call To Order: Frank Perron called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review of Agenda: Blank moved, and Blank seconded, to approve the agenda with the following changes: to add 6.f); Grand for South Pomfret Village, 6.g); selectboard assistant discussion, 6.c). Disposition of Royalton Academy (Lyon Trust) Lease Land, 174 +/- was moved up to below 5.b). The changes were approved unanimously.
4. a). Minutes approval From 2/13/19 and 2/20/19  
b). Warrants for Payment  
c). Road Commissioner Update
5. a). Elect Selectboard Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk: John Peters Moved and Blank Seconded to Elect Emily Grube to Selectboard chair for a term of one year. Scott Woodward was also interested and a discussion was had that traditionally when the board was a three member board the chair was typically the outgoing member. Emily was elected Chair by a vote of 4-1  
Blank Moved and Blank Seconded to elect Frank Perron as Vice Chair for one year. The motion was approved unanimously.  
John Peters said he would be willing to take minutes and post to the web page until we could find a Selectboard Assistant. No vote for clerk was taken.  
  
b). Adopt Selectboard Rules of Meeting Procedure: Discussion was had about limiting Public comment to 2 minutes per person and 10 minutes total. It proposed that in order to get an item on the agenda two other board members would need to also agree to place it on the agenda. This was removed from the proposed rules. Discussed need to have a prioritized list of items that needed to be on future agendas to help the board better organize and prioritize our regular meeting. It was discussed changing the meeting time from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. The board unanimously approved changing the time to 6:00pm during the winter months changing back to 7:00 during daylight savings time. The vote on the Rules of Procedure was moved to the next regular meeting.  
  
6.b). Disposition of Royalton Academy (Lyon Trust) Lease Land, 174 +/-: John Wetmore was present to discuss the Sale of Mary Tooke's land, stating the need of to have the land released from the lease by the end of March or the sale would be in jeopardy. Frank said he would recuse himself at the vote as he owns some of the mentioned 174 acres of land.

Discussion was had as to whether to release all the land at once or piece by piece. John thought we should release it all and be done with it. Emily moved to have the attorney working on the LaFlamme property look over prior to signing to release the land. Scott said the deed should mention the original trust Zebula Lion. Discussion to give Frank Authority to sign a Quitclaim Deed as long as there were no changes made by Mary Tooke's Attorney. Steve Chamberlin Seconded, and was passed unanimously.

c). Select official Newspaper: Emily Moved and Frank Seconded to have the Vermont Standard and the Valley News continue as our official Publications. Approved by a unanimous Decision

d). Authorize Chair and/or Alternate to sign Payroll Warrants and Account Payable Warrants: Frank Moved to have the Chair and Vice Chair To sign Warrants. Emily Seconded, it was approved unanimously.

e). Appointment of Tree Warden - 24 VSA ~871(b): Frank moved and Emily Seconded to appoint Cy Benoit as tree warden for the ensuing year. Approved by a unanimous vote.

f). Review List of Additional Appointments:

Karen Hewitt for Zoning Administrator, Trustee of Laboury Fund, and Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Allan Graham as EC Fiber Representative.

Vern Clifford for GUVSWD Representative.

Doug Tuthill as Alternate.

Becky Fielder as E-911 Coordinator.

Bill Emmons as Two Rivers Representative.

Phill Deckert as Alternate.

Scott Moved all the above Appointments and Frank Seconded. Approved by a Unanimous Vote.

Pound Keeper: None

Town Service Officer: Scott mentioned that we no longer need one by State Statue, Left Vacant.

Emergency Management Director: No current term limit described, Frank thought it should be a two year term. Frank mentioned the need to File the "LEMP" Local Emergency Management Plan to be eligible for certain grant opportunities.

ZBA: Emily Mentioned that the ZBA is in need of more members, currently 4 but should have 7. John Moved and Emily Seconded to appoint Ben Brickner until June when the regular term is up of reappointment.

6. a). Howe Hill Road Pavement: Frank Reported: Todd Eaton will be here on March 20th to talk about possibilities. Places of the road that need to have Stone base added, some areas just need reclaiming, Many alternatives to discuss. Rough estimate from Pike, Inc. last fall were in the \$400,000.00 range. \$40,000 for reclaiming, \$320,000 for Paving, and \$40,000 for materials for the base.

b). State Paving Grant Application: Due 16 April, Put onto next agenda.

c) Move up on Agenda

d). Selecting Closing date for LaFlamme Property: Will set in the future dependent on title search. Frank reported they are ready to Sign a P&S agreement, Should give a \$500.00 deposit. Emily Moved and John Seconded to have Frank sign a P&S and to give a \$500.00 deposit. John Seconded, Approved by Unanimous vote.

e). FAST Squad Agreement with Town: Frank Reported the board needs to look it over and approve. FAST has not approved but is in agreement with its current form. Emily Is going to Email Chief Rice about Fire Contract moving forward.

f). Grant for South Pomfret Village: Frank reported on possible grant for the South Pomfret Village; Teago, library, Artistree area. Possibilities include. Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Directed lighting. Consensus is to peruse.

g). Selectboard Assistant: Scott reported Karen Hewitt would be interested in position with some time constraints. Emily will talk to Karen about Executive Session next meeting to interview. Another person was interested but we have heard nothing back.

7. a). Review of Assignment: Frank, P&S, LaFlamme. Tooke Lease land.

b). Correspondence: John reported on the Highway repeater progress. Needs to get radio numbers and tower height for Wells Communications so they can get the Board a quote.

c). Agenda for next meeting: LEMP, Town Meeting minutes approval-sign, TA-60 approval, Rules of Procedure, Repeater update, FAST agreement, Closing date for LaFlamme property, Update attorney agreement letter for Purple Crayon.

8. No Executive Session. Scott and Frank had a broad conversation with Purple Crayon and Neighbor Charlene Kelley,

9. Adjournment: Frank moved to adjourn at 9:16 and John Seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Submitted by John Peters