

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also Present: BOE Chair Richard Schad, BOF Members Ken Kristal, Carolyn Gerrity, Michael Baum, Alyson Aleman, Jorge Martinez. PCS Principal Susan Imschweiler, BOE Member Donna Smith, Charles Tracy, Denise Baum.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes of March 16, 2015 and April 2, 2015** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of March 16th and April 2nd. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson stated that she would like to add Review/Possible Approval of 5-Year Capital Plan to New Business, item 1 and Appointment of Town Attorney to New Business, item 4. She would also like to add Audit Update to Current Business, item 1. So moved by B. Jessurun. P.Mann seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** - None

II. Current Business

1. **Audit Update** – Pomfret did go out to bid for an Auditor with Brooklyn. Two firms responded to the RFP – O’Connor Davies, which is the firm the town has used for years and O’Connell Pace. An interview was conducted with O’Connell Pace with excellent results. Their fees are also significantly lower than O’Connor Davies.
2. **Review & Possible Approval: Revision to Proposed General Government FY 2016/2016 Budget** –M. Nicholson stated that she had some better numbers in some areas of the budget – there will be a savings with the auditing firm, health insurance, and a few other areas. These are off-set by a few areas where the original budget cut too close. The overall result is a reduction to the General Government budget of \$10,000. A summary of changes was reviewed by Board. B. Jessurun moved to approve changes to FY 2015/2016 General Government budget as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

III. New Business

1. **Review & Possible Approval – 5 Year Capital Plan** – The Plan was distributed for review by Board. M. Nicholson has reviewed all of the road projects with the Director of Public Works. B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Annual Town Meeting Date and Articles of Call** – M. Nicholson proposed an Annual Town Meeting Date of May 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM with the following items on the Call: Expenditure of highway funds

under Chapter 240 and of LoCip Funds under provisions of Chapter 7-536; Adoption of 5-year Capital Plan; Acceptance of Annual Report; Acceptance of Cemetery Funds, Adoption of FY 2015/2016 budget appropriations. K. Kristal, BOF Chair, asked about the Board of Finance transfer approval for the BOE being on the Call. Brief discussion – this appropriation request was in the amount of \$39,000 from the BOE Surplus Fund to cover a number of items this fiscal year. B. Jessurun moved to approve Annual Town Meeting date as May 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Pomfret Community School with items as presented and amended. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

3. **Round Table with Board of Finance/Board of Education: Proposed Budgets FY 2015/2016** – Discussion ensued regarding the budget process, use of fund balance, desirable percentage to maintain in fund and what the estimated return is for the current year. The Board of Finance proposed some of the possibilities in balancing the 2015/2016 budgets using a combination of taxation, fund balance, and possible cuts. Discussion. Charlie Tracy voiced concerns about added taxation while there is such a large amount of funds in the fund balance. Additional discussion with no action taken.
4. **Appointment of Town Attorney** – M. Nicholson motioned to reappoint Edwin Higgins as Town Attorney with a term to run until successor is appointed. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

IV. **Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** - None
2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson distributed a letter from Quinebaug Valley Dispatch regarding the States recent proposal to reduce 911 Call Centers. This has not got through. The letter provides general information regarding the same.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Robert Morris, 21B Page Road, 3/18/15; Kevin Hagge, 14 Railroad Street, 3/18/15 – Noted to record.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Charles Macnue, COC, \$25.86; Colleen Whelan, COC, \$13.74 – P. Mann moved to approve as presented. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

V. **Citizen's Comments** – None.

- VI. **Adjournment** – P. Mann moved to approve. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____