

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Alan Chubbuck. Also present – Cameron James, NECCOG Regional Planner; Winston Averil, Waste Management Systems; Shawn Bertram, citizen

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM.

- 1. Approve Regular Meeting of February 20, 2024** – P. McCarthy moved to approve as submitted. A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Conservation Commission resignations and member reappointment to Other Business, Item 5 and to add Winston Averil/New Bulky Site Discussion to Other Business, item 0. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Troop D report was briefly reviewed. Shawn Bertram was present as a possible candidate to represent the Town on the Seely-Brown board. Brief discussion and M. Nicholson moved to appoint Mr. Bertram to the Pomfret Community Housing/Seely-Brown Board, filling the current vacancy. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

II. New Business

- 1. NECCOG Regional Planner Cameron James/Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Presentation** – Cameron James stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan requires updates every 5 years. The last was completed in 2015 and the 2020 update was waived due to COVID. He provided an overview of considerations and the action items on the 2015 plan. He is looking for current action items, items that have been completed, and considerations for the future. Discussion. He plans to have a revised plan for the Board to review and ultimately approve in April. The plan will then go to DEMHS for approval and then to FEMA.

III. Other Business

- 0. Winston Averil/New Bulky Waste Site** – The new site at the end of Nora Lane is well underway. Completion is expected some time this spring. The April Bulky dates of the 19th and 20th will be held at the old site with plans to have the new facility open after that. A public survey will soon be available regarding days/hours/frequency desired for the new location to be open. Discussion followed regarding possible access days, sharing with other towns and considerations of the same.
- 1. General Discussion** – The timber harvest proposals for the Murdock property have all been reviewed with the highest bidder being Green Development. The project has been awarded to them and the contract will soon be in place.
- 2. Project Updates** – No further updates since last meeting.
- 3. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** As Attached – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented and A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Four-year Plan Review** – No discussion at this time.
- 5. Conservation Commission/Resignations & Reappointments** – Resignations have been received from both Dawn Libby and Sara Ginnetti and M. Nicholson moved to accept with regret. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

M. Nicholson moved to appoint Joseph Miragiuolo from his alternate seat to fill Dawn's 4-year term thru to 12/1/26 and to appoint Elizabeth Manteuffel from her alternate seat to fill Sara's 3 year term thru to 5/1/26. A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

- 1. Budget Discussion/Schedule Special Meeting Budget Workshop** – A draft FY 2024/2025 budget was presented and reviewed. Discussion. The current proposal represents an increase of \$27,250 to the General Government budget. Some discussion. A Special Meeting/Budget workshop will be scheduled for Thursday, March 7th at 8:00 AM at the Town Hall for further review, recommendations, and possible approval.
- 2. Citizen's Comments** - None

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn and A. Chubbuck seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____