

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Patrick McCarthy

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened the meeting at 8:00 AM.

1. Approve Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes of June 5, 2023 – P.

McCarthy moved to approve meeting and Public Hearing minutes as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda – M. Nicholson moved to add Discussion of Pomfret Community Housing Corp. Budget Deficit and Possible Transfer of Funds to New Business, item 1. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

3. Citizen's Comments and Correspondence – The Troop D Reports for April and May were briefly reviewed. A flyer has been received from FEMA and CT DEEP regarding a Flood Risk Open House on June 28th in Plainfield. Planning & Zoning is scheduled to hold a Public Hearing this Wednesday for a Subdivision Regulation amendment that is required by the same agencies due to flood plain map review. Windham Land Trust is seeking \$100,000 toward the purchase of a 227-acre parcel in Town. The Last Green Valley is seeking sponsored walks for Walktober 2023 – which is scheduled from Sept. 16, 2023 thru November 5th. The Pomfret Board of Selectmen will submit a walk for Sept. 16th on the Air Line Trail. A letter was received from David Howe of the Abington Library regarding a Veteran's group that meets there and artwork received commemorating the ship Armand Jolly served on during WWII. A ceremony will be held at the library on July 19th at 5:30 PM.

II. New Business

1. Pomfret Community Housing Corp. Budget Deficit and Possible Transfer

– The capital improvement grant that was required to run through the Town has not yet closed. The State had been withholding \$5400 in grant funds for a number of years. The town worked with PCH and the State of CT to rectify the issue and have the funds released. This represents the final payment of grant monies from the State. It leaves the town with an overall deficit of \$8,716.98 due to upfront costs at the beginning of project, required advertising, and similar required expenditures. When upfront funding was approved it was not clarified if the town would be reimbursed or where those funds would come from. M. Nicholson has been working with the PCH Board to reach an agreement and they have offered to reimburse the town for half – leaving \$4,358.49 to be covered by the Town. M. Nicholson moved to transfer this money from the CNR Government Surplus line and to seek approval of the same at the next Special Town Meeting. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.,

III. Other Business

1. General Discussion/Forest Management at Murdock – M. Nicholson has been speaking with Marc Trembly who did the town's Forest Management Plan and oversaw the cut on the Murdock property. Another timber harvest would make sense and will likely go to bid in September as the town will be

closer to the solar panel project at that location. M. Nicholson spoke with CT Voyager regarding hot air balloons landing on private property. They are aware of properties to avoid and to seek permission from landowners before landing on properties. A letter was received regarding the Taft Pond Road bridge – wetlands have been flagged and a rehabilitation report completed. A detour route during closure has been proposed. The July 3, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting will be canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

2. **Project Updates/Solar, TAP, ERTD Map Grant** – An Informational Meeting regarding the second TAP grant had been scheduled for June 13th. This has been postponed until August or September due to a delay in flagging. The Eastern Regional Tourism District Grant must be completed by the end of June. Maps have gone to printers. Lamont has announced funding for Senior Centers and Pomfret will apply for available funds. TEEG will likely take the lead with this. An RFP will go out through Paul Micheau in September for the solar array on the Murdock property. Eversource has approved the grant application for EV Chargers in Town. We are still waiting for CT DEEP portion of approval for the same. It is currently under technical review.
3. **Community Outreach & Enrichment Fund/Memorial Day Photos** – Jim Goodwin has supplied time and materials for many years on Memorial Day taking photographs during the parade and ceremony. He then gives the town an album each year with photographs. M. Nicholson moved to spend \$50.00 for Jim from the Community Outreach & Enrichment Fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None
5. **Four-year Plan Review** – No discussion.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** - None

V. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn and P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____