

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also present – Approximately 10 citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approve Minutes of August 22, 2016** - B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Correspondence** – Letter received from Maureen Nicholson dated September 6, 2016 pertaining to a number of grant projects was read into record. C. Baldwin stated that the Firehouse Extension Building Committee is underway and expect the construction bid requests to go out in October. The EOC Requirements Committee will be exacting the needs of this building.

II. New Business

1. **Review and Possible Approval – Plan of Conservation and Development as proposed by Planning & Zoning Commission** – The Planning and Zoning Commission have put forward their final draft for review and approval by the Selectmen. This comprehensive document appears to meet the State requirements and presents both new information and some duplicate information from previous document. There is an overall 65 day approval process. Another consideration is the proposed Stone Wall Ordinance that has been presented by the Conservation Commission. C. Baldwin suggested reviewing this document and incorporating some of the language into the POCD instead of bringing it forward as an Ordinance. He has suggested this idea to the Conservation Commission with some agreement and some opposition from them. The Board would like some more time to review the POCD and the matter will be revisited at the next meeting.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – The Highway Dept. handled issues during the last storms well. There has been some tree work done in town as well by both the highway crew and Eversource. Killingly Engineering has been hired to do a study regarding the Longmeadow concerns. There has been no report as yet received back from them. Meanwhile the road is evening out. All-State Asphalt has weighed in regarding an overlay and curbing next year. This planned, staged construction will go forward unless the testing being completed indicates problems.
2. **General Discussion** - None

3. **Project Updates** – The Sewer Project continues. Building of the road crossings that DEEP has proposed the town complete will not be brought forward. This would complicate the project, expose the town to significant possible expense, and the participants are not willing to pursue. The design plans for the crossings will still be completed. The Hankin easement is still in play, there is a draft agreement with Putnam and a meeting to review that with the Town Attorney and Putnam officials is planned for tomorrow. Weston and Sampson continue to finalize the design, the State has issued the permit for borings on the Air Line Trail and that work has begun.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Lois Rosen, COC, \$158.58 – B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business - None

V. Citizen's Comments – A number of Longmeadow Estate residents were present with questions or comments. Primarily the environmental concerns remain. There were questions regarding the qualifications of the engineer and when some of the reports would come back to the town. There were questions regarding what type of testing would be done. Test results will be made available once received which should be sometime late September, early October. Unless DEEP, EPA, or some other agency expresses serious concerns or proposes a ban on this product the overlay will likely be done in late spring. If testing results show the product to be bad those plans will be re-visited. Kim Bergendahl asked about the qualifications of the paving people and the consultant that looked at the roads with the Director of Public Works. C. Baldwin has asked for them and they will be made available once received. There was some discussion regarding the MSDS Sheet. One woman commented on the statement at an earlier meeting that there was too much material poured on the roads. K. Bergendahl commented on a 1997 product review for Federal Funding that categorized the product as a sealer. Gene Gerum stated that he viewed the product as the lesser of evils. It requires 3,000 pounds to cover one mile at 12 feet across. The same distance would require about 70,000 pounds of Asphalt. The PAH's are there too. There were a few questions about bidding for the job. It was a sole source bid. K. Bergendahl wanted to state for the record that USGS was not hired by her or Longmeadow residents. The CT Dept. of Health brought them in. D. Smith asked about the Longmeadow Committee that was formed by residents. Her understanding was that questions would be compiled by them with perhaps their spokesperson or committee members presenting to the Board.

VI. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____