

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

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

**I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting** – Meeting opened at 8:00 AM by C. Baldwin.

1. **Approve Minutes of September 6, 2016** – D. Smith moved to approve minutes. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – C. Baldwin stated he would like to add a discussion regarding a possible Seely-Brown Grant to New Business. B. Jessurun stated that he would like to have Citizens Comments added to Regular Meeting item 4. D. Smith moved to approve both. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Correspondence** – C. Baldwin read an email received from Charles Tracy to record. The email asked the following regarding the July Bulky Waste: 1.) How many tires were taken off private property on Wolf Den Drive by the Pomfret road crew? – It was estimated at 300. It was originally thought there were only about 12 – 24 tires. The road crew was dispatched and as they removed tires they continued to find more and continued to pull them out. When the DPW checked in with them he had them stop work and remove what they had already taken. Neighbors to the property went back later and finished the job themselves. 2.) How much crew time, fuel, truckloads was used for clean-up? – There were 2 crew members who each worked 5 hours which equates to a total of about \$180.00. There was one truckload. 3.) Who initiated clean-up? The property is vacant and an abutter contacted owner to inquire about the tire removal. It was thought that most was along the Town easement. 4.) How much was the cost? – The Town cost is about \$180.00 in labor and \$15.00 in fuel.
4. **Citizens Comments** - None

**II. New Business**

1. **Review and Possible Approval – Plan of Conservation and Development as proposed by Planning & Zoning Commission** – This same draft is being reviewed by some other Boards and Commissions that have prepared comments. C. Baldwin has spoken with the Conservation Commission regarding the integration of some of their proposed Stone Wall Ordinance into the POCD. The Board will continue to review and offer comments once all submissions have been reviewed or incorporated.
2. **FY 2015/2016 Transfers as Proposed by Treasurer** – Brief review of proposed transfers. B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. **EOC Requirements Committee Appointments** – This Committee will formalize the needs assessment and forward to a Design/Build Committee. C. Baldwin asked for a motion to appoint Richard Dunn, Derek May, Glenn Postemski, James Rivers, James Robbins, Charlie Weedon, and

Craig Baldwin as Chair. B. Jessurun asked about his earlier recommendation to appoint Maureen Nicholson due to her knowledge of project. C. Baldwin stated that he felt the Design/Build Committee may be a better fit. D. Smith moved to approve appointments as listed. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

4. **Seely-Brown Grant Discussion** – Ann Hinchman was present and stated that last spring this grant application was proposed and it required some up-front costs to the Town of approximately \$6,000. The Board approved holding this money aside for the grant application at that time. The timeline to complete the grant application was insufficient and it was decided to wait until the fall rounds. It was now time to begin that process and she was asking the Board to reconfirm those town monies for this application. There was some discussion regarding what the total amount approved last spring was. B. Jessurun moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$7500 for this grant application and related costs. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

### **III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – One of the local bus drivers has been looking for the Bus Stop signs that can be removed. So far all identified need to remain. There is one near the Seely-Brown entrance that still needs evaluation as it could possibly be removed. The Selectman's Office has talked to Eversource regarding the evaluation and possible removal of tree limbs overhanging Modock and River Roads. The engineer is still assessing the material used at Longmeadow Estates. Some questions regarding the integrity of that road base have recently come up. It has been proposed that some core samples are taken to evaluate this base before any final determinations are made.
2. **General Discussion** – The private schools have been gathering information regarding lighted signs for the crosswalks along Route 44. The Town will apply for the DOT permits to install them. The State will be asked to re-paint the crosswalks for visibility as well.
3. **Project Updates** – The extension has been granted for the Sidewalk Grant. The plans are done and the next step will be to put this project out to bid for spring construction.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** As Attached – B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

### **IV. Current Business**

1. **Sign Replacement/Removal – Update** – As discussed under Road Issues.

**V. Citizen's Comments** – John Bergendahl asked if there was anything new from Killingly Engineering. They are still working on evaluation and no results have been received as yet. They will not be involved with the coring. Charlie Tracy commented on the difficulties of enforcing such things as a Blight Ordinance or a Stone Wall Ordinance. It seems bad for public officials to have guaranteed access

onto private land. Jim Rivers commented on the revisions to the Stone Wall Ordinance over the years and the revisions to address only roadside walls. There have been discussions regarding the road base at Longmeadow over the years but no final determination made as to its integrity. Money for this road project began to be put away during his administration. John DiIorio stated that he has spoken with each of the Selectmen and addressed the Board of Finance regarding the Longmeadow project. He has listened to the BOF tape and would like to see more involvement by them than just the financial considerations. He is involved due to concern for the town and the neighborhood. He did not believe that a 2" overlay on these roads would be a solution.

V. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_