

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also present – Approximately 8 citizens and interested parties

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

1. **Approve Minutes of November 7, 2016** – D. Smith moved to approve minutes. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None

3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – K. Bergendahl submitted the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee response to the engineering report that was reviewed on Wednesday. She asked that the response be posted to the town's webpage. Overall the committee was not happy with the report and she outlined some of the reasons why. J. Rivers had some questions regarding the draft of the engineering report vs. the final version and what the differences were. Both versions have been posted on the town's website. There was some further discussion regarding the engineering report. T. Emilio stated that a more in-depth study, if desired, should come from the scientific community. WPI is currently conducting some studies as is USGS. These reports are not yet complete.

II. New Business

1. **New Road Product Evaluation Policy** – A proposed policy was briefly reviewed along with discussion as to whether or not a policy such as this was even needed. The Road Foreman has a process in place that he currently uses. The overall consensus was that a Road Product Evaluation Policy was not needed. The First Selectman and the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee will be traveling to a lab on December 8th. This lab can also serve as a resource to the town as needed to evaluate new products being looked at and to identify those that would be considered 'green'.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues/Road Sign Removal** – C. Baldwin has contacted the State regarding the signs that can be removed. Some citizens have voiced concerns regarding trucks and excessive speeds on Route 244 and on Wrights Crossing Road.
2. **General Discussion** – There was some additional discussion regarding the Longmeadow concerns. The current plan remains to put a tack coat and overlay on the road in the Spring. This seems to be acceptable by all parties.
3. **Project Updates** – Sewer project is still underway with easement work and finalizing the agreement with Putnam. The Planning and Zoning Commission is accepting comments on the Plan of Conservation and Development through Wednesday, November 23rd. The current version is

posted on their web page. The bid has been posted for the Fire Extension.
The EOC Needs Assessment Committee continues to meet.

4. Tax Refunds/Abatements: None

IV. Current Business

- 1. Review and Comment – Plan of Conservation and Development as proposed by Planning & Zoning Commission** – Nothing further until all comments have been incorporated.

V. Citizen's Comments – G. Short stated that he liked the idea of a Road Product Policy. The Longmeadow Committee would like to see information from the lab trip before they make any recommendation on Longmeadow. J. Rivers stated that he did not feel a Road Policy was necessary. The Road Foreman has been following his own policies that have been in place for decades and the roads in Pomfret are the best in the area. He also provided some additional information he has found regarding rejuvenators and friction. Road grinding and overlays will continue to remain necessary to address pot holes and settling. He has found that speaking with predecessors was always a good resource in understanding historical information concerning the town. K. Bergendahl questioned the Board as to their feelings regarding the Killingly Engineering Report on Longmeadow. Did they feel it was informative and money well spent. C. Baldwin stated that he believed the report had value. The road was currently in a stable format and would pose no inherent health risk through the winter. The plan remains to put down a tack coat and overlay in the spring and the roads should then remain in good shape for another 18 years. Because the long-term use of this product remains unknown he has no plans to use it on other Pomfret roads. B. Jessurun felt the report shed some light on the product. D. Smith found the report helpful. It is part of what has been a learning experience. Some brief discussion regarding thoughts on this product.

VI. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting duly adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____