

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith. Also present – approximately 14 citizens and interested parties.

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

1. **Approve Minutes of December 22, 2016** – B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of December 22, 2016. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – C. Baldwin stated that he would like to add as New Business #5 Appointments of Sub-Registrars as requested by the Town Clerk. So moved by D. Smith and seconded by B. Jessurun. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Pat Boyd, newly elected State Representative introduced himself to all present.

II. New Business

1. **IWWC Reappointment – William Gould** – B. Jessurun moved to approve the reappointment of William Gould to a 4 year term on the IWWC. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Conservation Commission Reappointments – Pamela Cartledge, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Mary Eliza Kimball** – D. Smith moved to approve the reappointments of P. Cartledge, C. Champ, E. Kimball, to the Conservation Commission, each for 3 year terms. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Review and Bid Award – Small Cities Grant Application and Administration for Seely-Brown Village** – A bid from Communities Opportunity Group was the only one received. Some of the up-front costs to the Town for this project were approved by the Board in September. Some discussion. The Board would like some time to review this proposal and will take up again at the January 17th meeting.
4. **Discussion – Proposed Ordinance to Ban Road Products with Coal Tar** – C. Baldwin distributed copies of a current Ordinance that addresses Road Specifications. His suggestion was to modify this Ordinance by adding a section that would ban coal tar products on municipal roads and parking lots. Some discussion. C. Baldwin will draft language and request the Town Attorney's review. He will then bring back to the Board for further review and discussion.
5. **Appointments of Sub-Registrars** – B. Jessurun moved to approve the Sub-Registrar appointments as presented by the Town Clerk. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – A number of road signs have been reported as missing and the Highway Dept. has started the process of ordering replacements. C. Baldwin stated that things are moving along with the consultants regarding the Longmeadow overlay. P. Montenegro will be out to walk and evaluate the road and another meeting will be held to discuss. There was some discussion and questions from the public with regard to Black Mountain and seeking input from other consultants. B. Jessurun stated that some of the Route 97 roadway near North Road is deteriorating due to an underground spring. This is on a State road and the Town will notify DOT.
2. **General Discussion - None**

3. **Project Updates** – The bid for the Firehouse Addition has been awarded. The Building Committee had completed a reference check and the District has approved some additional funding to complete the project. The EOC Needs Committee has a few items to complete and then hand the package off to a Building Committee. The Sidewalk project has been reviewed with a few changes to design. The schools have asked that the project tie in with the existing sidewalk. The goal is to complete this project this summer. The Sewer Project continues forward. The pump houses have been designed and the Inter-local Agreement with Putnam is being worked out.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** CAB East, LLC, COC, \$303.38; CAB East, LLC, COC, \$270.64 – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Discussion** – These grant funds are available thru the COG's but the municipalities must submit the applications. This application was submitted on December 28th and a response is expected sometime in late January or February. If awarded, this grant would allow for bridge, culvert, and grade crossings at seven points on the Air Line Trail as well as some rough gravel on top.

V. Citizen's Comments – K. Bergendahl stated that with regard to the proposed Ordinance she would like to see private use included. A few others present felt the same way. L. Semancik stated that she would like to see more meetings with the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee. They had met twice and have requested additional meetings. She also stated that the Committee would like to explore options beyond just what has been recommended by Paul Montenegro. A few others agreed stating they would like at least three to discuss and compare. J. Bergendahl had some questions regarding the monetary interests of Dr. Mogawer and how he was to be paid for developing standards for the 3/4" overlay that has been discussed. There was some discussion regarding this and the request for an unbiased and qualified person working for the Town. M. Nicholson stated that from what she has read the green rejuvenators that are becoming available interact with old road differently than with new roads. It seems like something that should be phased in over new roads. A citizen asked about the removal of the crack seal material that was removed from Longmeadow after the last storm and how it was disposed. There was some additional discussion regarding Surtreat's pamphlet references to EPA approvals and how that was to be handled. J. Rivers stated that Pomfret had few services to offer citizens but good roads were one of them. With the budget season approaching he would like to see the Engineering funding to NECCOG returned to the budget and the Longmeadow current fund combined with additional monies from the general fund surplus to grind, mill, and re-pave Longmeadow. There was some brief additional discussion and a request that a Longmeadow Ad Hoc meeting be scheduled soon.

VI. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____