

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 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 – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by C. Baldwin.

1. **Approve Minutes of February 21, 2017** – D. Smith moved to approve minutes as presented. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – C. Baldwin stated he would like to add consideration of MOU for upcoming DEMHS grant and Acceptance of Resignation from Recreation Commission as New Business 2 and 3. So moved by D. Smith. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – C. Baldwin summarized a letter dated February 17th and submitted by Derek May, Emergency Manager, that recommended investigation by the Town into improvements to the town's municipal radio system. M. Nicholson stated that as Tree Warden she has been notified by Eversource that tree trimming should begin roughly late March/early April and will be taking place primarily south of Route 44. She also asked if any budget workshops had been scheduled and for some clarification on the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee minutes with references to reclamation and overlay. It did not appear that a consensus has been reached. K. Bergendahl asked about the presence of consultants that have been used at the last Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee meeting when another engineer is going to be brought in. She also asked about the amount these engineers have been paid.

II. New Business

1. **Seely-Brown Village Grant Application: Designation of Environmental, Fair Housing, and ADA Officer** – C. Baldwin asked for a motion to designate the First Selectman, Craig Baldwin, as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town; to designate First Selectman, Craig Baldwin, as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town; and to designate the First Selectman, Craig Baldwin, as the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer for the Town. This will bring these positions current from past appointments and supply current information for the grant application. So moved by D. Smith. Seconded by B. Jessurun. All in favor with C. Baldwin abstaining.
2. **MOU with CT Dept. of Emergency Services and Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security** – The MOU was read into record by C. Baldwin. D. Smith moved to approve. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Recreation Resignation** – C. Baldwin read letter of resignation into record as received from Keri Felice-Murray. B. Jessurun moved to accept with regrets. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – Some of the large rocks at the Recreation Park road were moved by people with 4-wheelers in order to access prohibited areas.
2. **General Discussion** - None

3. **Project Updates** – The Interlocal Agreement with Putnam for the sewer is in draft form and is being reviewed by Ed Higgins. Ingrid Jacobs, the Project Engineer, has resigned but a smooth transition is anticipated. C. Baldwin has met with Chris Wester and Bob Tedeschi to review transition. The town is waiting for feedback from KWP regarding the sidewalk. The Nutmeg Network has been connected and is up and running at the Town Hall. A group has met with the contractor for the Firehouse Extension. This project should be completed this summer. The Town Hall experienced a brief power outage last week and the new generator kicked on without a problem.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** None

IV. Current Business

1. **Senior Advocate By-Laws Revision-Review/Discussion** – This is still under review.
2. **FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget – Discussion/Possible Approval** – C. Baldwin outlined some of the changes to the initially presented budget. They were primarily to move funds from one line to another with the end result an additional \$2,981 coming off of the bottom line with an overall year to year reduction of \$6,880. Some discussion and C. Baldwin opened the floor to any citizen comments. M. Nicholson asked about the monies held in the Longmeadow fund and why no additional monies were budgeted for the upcoming year. How could there be surety that the current balance would be enough. She also asked if money was to be budgeted for the Putnam Tech Park. Some additional discussion. The Board discussed scheduling a Special Meeting for further budget discussion and possible approval and it was determined to schedule one for Thursday, March 9th at 10:00 AM.

- V. Citizen's Comments** – M. Nicholson requested that she be present during Executive Session as she believed she had some information that could be useful. Lisa Semancik stated she would rather see money budgeted for Longmeadow now rather than have to increase the budget later. K. Bergendahl asked if any action has been taken against the company that originally put the Longmeadow road material down.

- VI. Executive Session** – C. Baldwin moved that the meeting adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a potential land purchase with the Board of Selectmen and Maureen Nicholson to remain present. So moved by B. Jessurun. Seconded by D. Smith. All in favor and meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 PM.

1. **Discussion – Potential Land Purchase** – Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:28 PM with no action taken.

- VII.** Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____