

**TOWN OF POMFRET**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017 AT 10:00 AM**  
**POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

- I. Open Meeting** – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 10:00 AM.
- II. Citizens Comments** – Maureen Nicholson asked about budgeting money for the Tech Park. C. Baldwin stated there is no payment agreement in place. Should agreements be signed in the upcoming year there will be money in Economic Development to cover the 2017/2018 payment. M. Nicholson also stated she had some Longmeadow Road concerns and liability concerns and asked why more money was not budgeted for that project. She had some additional questions about money budgeted for diesel fuel and equipment repair. Gene Gerum spoke about a CT Public Health statement that says there are no major health risks regarding the product with coal tar component that was used on Longmeadow Drive. Robert Brownell stated that over 750 lane miles of road have been done in CT using this product. He referenced a Canada assessment and stated the conclusion was the concentration of coal tar was incidental and not a health concern. M. Nicholson stated that she felt there should be a public meeting where townspeople could come and learn more about the potential risks in coal tar.
- III. Current Business**
  - 1. FY 2017/2018 Proposed General Government Budget – Discussion/Possible Approval** – C. Baldwin reviewed a few changes made to the proposed budget since the last meeting. Some capital road monies were moved around and \$50,000 was put into Longmeadow. Another \$800 was added to cover some annual licensing and maintenance fees at the Town Hall. With money already accumulated for the Longmeadow project the combined total will supply enough money to cover any of the options being looked at with the exception of full reclamation. An Economic Development Fund has money to cover the Tech Park payment should it become due in the upcoming year. The equipment repair line for the highway department was reduced because a vast amount of repairs and improvements have been done this year. The diesel line remained static due to its fluctuating nature. D. Smith stated she has gone through the proposed budget and was pretty comfortable with it as it stood. There was some additional discussion and B. Jessurun moved to approve the FY 2017/2018 General Government budget as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
- IV. Citizens Comments** – M. Nicholson commented on the Longmeadow project and as the remediation is yet unknown she felt that the Selectmen should be adding to the budget in an effort to meet all scenarios. C. Baldwin stated that he has been working with the Ad Hoc Committee and speaking with many other consultants in an effort to determine what is best for the town. There are a number of options being considered that can be covered with available funds. He does not want to over tax if it is not necessary. There was some additional discussion and C. Baldwin stated his appreciation of all the work the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee has been doing.
- V. Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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