

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectman Barry Jessurun. Also present – Liz Cartier, Maureen Nicholson, Pam Lewerenz, John Lewerenz, and Lance Sistare.

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

1. **Approve Minutes of March 6, 2017 and March 9, 2017** – B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> as presented. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – C. Baldwin moved to add Discussion/Farmers Abatement to New Business, item 3. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson asked about the Putnam Tech Park payments. Brooklyn is evidently sending annual payments. C. Baldwin stated that Pomfret has not been invoiced and there is no payment agreement in place.

**II. New Business**

1. **Conservation Commission Alternate Appointment** – C. Baldwin stated that Jeanette Sullivan has expressed interest in joining the Conservation Commission and the Commission has expressed their favor. He moved to appoint Jeanette Sullivan to the Conservation Commission as an alternate member for a three year term. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
2. **Transfer of Funds from Covell Road Bridge and Covell Road Project to Longmeadow Road Project-Possible Approval** – C. Baldwin stated that both of these projects have been completed and there are unused balances left in those line items. He motioned to transfer \$71,509.91 from the Covell Bridge line item and \$1,651.18 from the Covell Road line item to the CNR Longmeadow Drive line item. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Discussion/Farmers Abatements** – Lance Sistare was present to represent the Agriculture Commission. He provided an outline of abatements available and stated that the Commission was asking Pomfret to consider approving farmer's abatements that meet surrounding Towns. He stated that Woodstock best mirrors what they are asking for. This would expand available abatements from just Dairy Farms, to also include Orchards, farm machinery, and farm buildings. The land leases that have recently been put into place would off-set some of these abatements. C. Baldwin asked the Agriculture Commission to canvas farmers in town in order to provide more details with regard to the impact. The Selectmen will then further review. This would also need approval at a Town Meeting.

**III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – C. Baldwin stated that another engineering firm has been hired to look at the Longmeadow issue. This firm was at the request of the Committee. They will be looking at the remediation options and the risks and should have a report completed in 3 to 4 weeks.
2. **General Discussion** - None
3. **Project Updates** – The Pomfret and Putnam attorneys have reviewed the Interlocal Agreement. This will be reviewed by both WPCA's and eventually go to a Town Meeting. Follow-up will take place this week with KWP for sidewalk topo. Early work on the Firehouse Extension has started and the contractor is ready to break ground as soon as the snow melts. Rough drawings that depict the EOC have been done and project should be ready for Building Committee by mid-April.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Corelogic, O/P, \$1,213.14 – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.

#### **IV. Current Business**

1. **Senior Advocate By-Laws Revision-Review/Discussion** – The trip waiver that has been used is being reviewed by the town attorney and a revised form will eventually go to the Senior Advocate Commission for review and approval.
2. **FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget – Discussion** – C. Baldwin stated that a request has come in to increase the Pomfret Times annual payment from \$5,000 to \$6,200. This is due to their increasing costs for publication and a limited amount of advertisers. He would propose that \$1,200 be moved from the CNR Town Hall Upgrades line to 1102-232 Printing/Publications line. So moved by B. Jessurun. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.

- V. Citizen's Comments** – M. Nicholson thanked the Board for the transfer. The Pomfret Times is non-profit with increasing costs. The editors volunteer. She also asked if the plan is still to tie the Public Library into the Sewer line. It is planned for and C. Baldwin will bring it up again at the next Sewer Meeting. J. Lewerenz stated that there is an uprooted tree on Wolf Den Drive that appears to be a safety hazard. The highway department is aware of it. M. Nicholson asked about a town-wide clean-up and if the funding available from the Last Green Valley has been utilized. The Conservation Commission is planning this and they are utilizing these funds.

- VI. Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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