

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 AT 6:45 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith. Also present – Approximately 16 citizens and interested parties.

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 6:56 PM.

1. **Approve Minutes of March 20, 2017** - B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes. C. Baldwin seconded. Minutes approved. D. Smith abstained as not present.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – John Folsom asked about the referenced abatement for Woods Hill Solar. Would this go to Town Meeting. It is a payment agreement and would go to Town Meeting. Charlie Weedon asked if the Fracking Ordinance was ready for a Town Meeting. This is still under review but should be ready for the Annual Town Meeting. Maureen Nicholson asked about the broker for the Murdock property and if a public forum could be held regarding the agreement with RES. Was this a tax reduction? Some discussion regarding meetings held regarding both the Murdock property and RES. The Assessor and Chair of Economic Development have been involved and the First Selectmen has negotiated with RES.

II. New Business

1. **Small Cities FY 2017 Grant Application Resolution/Possible Approval** – B. Jessurun motioned to approve a FY 2017 Connecticut Small Cities CDBG Program grant application in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, and to authorize and direct the First Selectman to execute and file such application and all documents, plans, certifications, and resolutions related thereto; including the adoption of the Certified Resolution required by the CT Department of Housing relating to said application. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Small Cities FY 2017 Grant 'Program Income Plan'/Possible Approval** – B. Jessurun moved to approve the 'Program Income (Reuse) Plan' for the proposed FY 2017 Small Cities grant. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. **Murdock Property Marketing & Broker Approval** – C. Baldwin stated that he and the Chair of the Economic Planning & Development Commission have spoken with a broker with regard to advertising some of this property and seeking out those in the business sector that would be the best fit. There would be no fees paid to this broker until a lot actually sold and no lot could be sold without Town Meeting approval. He was also considering running an RFP for forestry work to enhance the property. This would not be a clear-cut but thinning as appropriate.
4. **Discussion and Possible Approval RES Tax Abatement for Woods Hill Solar** – This is actually a Property Tax Agreement between the Town and RES. This is not uncommon with these types of businesses – bringing tax dollars to the Town and allowing the company to understand their operating costs. The homeowners already have the property under agreement. The town and RES suggested a tax value and the agreement reflects the middle at about \$109,000 in tax revenue per year to start. There was some continued discussion with no action taken. C. Baldwin will bring up at next Board of Finance meeting and a public informational meeting to follow if needed.
5. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Revision to Ordinance Pertaining to Specifications of Roads** – The text consideration voted on in the past is unchanged. Definitions have been added to and clarified. D. Smith moved to approve the revision to the Ordinance Pertaining to the Specifications of Roads

as revised with definitions under Section 3, item 3. B. Jessurun seconded. Motion approved and agreed to take to next Town Meeting.

6. **Possible Approval of Items to be taken to Special Town Meeting** – The Veterans Ordinance approved May 16, 2016 and the Ordinance Pertaining to Specifications of Roads to be put on call for next Special Town Meeting.
7. **Discussion and Possible Determination of Special Town Meeting Date** – It was determined to go forward with a Special Town Meeting on April 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center. The regular Selectmen's meeting typically scheduled that morning will be rescheduled to follow the Special Town Meeting that evening.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – There are some rain wash-outs on dirt roads. There have been some complaints of excessive speeding on Route 44 near Wolf Den Road. C. Baldwin will ask the DOT to study.
2. **General Discussion** - None
3. **Project Updates** – DEEP has requested a formal review of the Sewer plans so the project will not go out to bid this week as previously planned. The engineering work is completed and the Hankin Trust easement is being finalized. The Inter-local agreement is going well. KWP is working on a topo for the sidewalk, depicting from the library to Grosvenor Road. Once complete this project will go to bid with construction taking place this summer. The Firehouse extension project is going well. The generator pad has been moved. Lenard Engineering has been hired for a Longmeadow study. They are half-way through their assessment. Rough plans are completed for the EOC.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Corelogic, O/P, \$1,971.68; Vault Trust, COC, \$126.52; Brandon Morin, O/P, \$865.59 – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Senior Advocate By-Laws Revision-Review/Discussion** – C. Baldwin stated that the Commission Chair is working to finalize and the town attorney is still working on the Hold Harmless Agreement.
2. **FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget – Discussion** - None

- V. **Citizen's Comments** – Ann Hinchman asked about the expansion of the library parking lot. It has been marked by the Highway Department. Wetlands will be contacted to OK. Ann Hinchman has drawings done by KWP and will forward to the Selectman's Office. Maureen Nicholson asked if the library is tied to the sewer on the drawings. Not at this time as they did not want to confuse the user fees. C. Baldwin will discuss with Weston and Sampson. Marlene Heald asked about the cost to a broker at the Murdock property and if marketing the property was discussed at an Economic Planning & Development meeting. There was some discussion about this item. Maureen Nicholson asked if both the Selectmen's Meeting and the Special Town Meeting will be held in the evening on the 17th. Gene Gerum asked about the engineering report concerning Longmeadow and health risks to be addressed in report.

- VI. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved _____