

TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
*****MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 AT 8:00 AM*****
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
*****note – rescheduled from PM meeting to 8:00 AM*****

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also Present – Approximately 7 citizens and interested parties.

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

1. **Approve Minutes of April 17, 2017** - B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Sam Rich voiced concerns regarding the road paving project that was beginning on Rich Road. He spoke about drainage and culvert concerns, safety and speeding concerns. He felt that paving the road at this point would be a waste of money without first repairing the road base and the drainage. A few other Rich Road residents also voiced concerns with safety and drainage problems. Charlie Wheedon stated that he drove over Rich Road often and during wet seasons the current gravel is like soup. He felt that improvements to the base are needed before any paving begins.

II. New Business - None

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – C. Baldwin stated that at the conclusion of the meeting he would go over to Rich Road and discuss the resident's concerns with the Road Foreman. There was some additional discussion regarding increased speeds on paved roads. Constables could be sent to monitor traffic should this occur and a request to State Police to conduct radar should the need arise. C. Baldwin stated that in some cases gravel roads become unmaintainable and discontinuance or abandonment of road is considered. The other Selectmen will join him in viewing Rich Road and the meeting will adjourn to that location at the close of the current agenda for a continuation of Road Issue discussions.
2. **General Discussion** - None
3. **Project Updates** – A meeting was held last week in Hartford with Weston & Sampson, DEEP, DOT, and the First Selectman to review the sewer plans along the Air Line Trail and impacts of proposed bridges and culverts along the trail. DEEP is reviewing the design plans which will likely push the bid process out later than anticipated. There was a ground-breaking ceremony held for the Firehouse Extension last Thursday. There is a 120 day anticipated completion of construction. The topo has been completed for the last piece of the Sidewalk Project. The engineer is reviewing and that project should then be ready to go to bid. The engineer is also currently working on the Library parking expansion.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements**: - None

IV. Current Business

1. **Longmeadow Roadwork** – Lenard Engineering has completed their report and the Longmeadow Ad Hoc Committee has met twice to review.

They are comfortable with option 1 on the report – which is to mill down 1 ½ inches and then to re-pave. There are some lingering concerns regarding the dust. An informational meeting will be held before the work is begun.

2. **Senior Advocate By-Laws Revision-Review/Discussion** – The Senior Advocate Commission has requested a revision to their Ordinance that would change their name to the ‘Pomfret Commission on Aging’. This would position them better to apply for State grants and other funding. Other aspects of the Ordinance would remain unchanged. B. Jessurun moved to approve the name change from the Senior Advocate Commission to the Pomfret Commission on Aging and to revise the Ordinance to reflect the same. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Approval of this Ordinance change will be put on the Call of the next Town Meeting. The Commission had also put forth a revision to their by-laws, dated March 22, 2017 and redrafted April 7, 2017 that would allow the Municipal Agent to sit as an ex-officio member of the Board. Some discussion. D. Smith moved to approve the change to the Senior By-Laws as presented and redrafted on April 7th. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. A Liability Waiver to be used for senior trips has been under review by the Town Attorney. His recommendations were distributed and briefly discussed. B. Jessurun moved to approve the Pomfret Senior Center Liability Waiver as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
3. **FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget – Discussion** – No discussion at his time. The Board of Finance is holding a Budget Workshop this evening at 6:00 PM at PCS.
4. **Fracking Waste Ban Ordinance – Discussion and Possible Approval** – The proposed Fracking Waste Ban Ordinance has been reviewed by the Town Attorney, the Conservation Commission, and Charlie Weedon – who has been involved with the concerned citizens group. B. Jessurun moved to approve the Fracking Waste Ban Ordinance as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. C. Wheedon stated that at least 13 towns in CT have already approved such an Ordinance with more on the way. This Ordinance will be put on the Call of the next Town Meeting.

V. **Citizen’s Comments** – Sam Rich asked if the Fracking Ordinance was pro-active or if Pomfret had been approached as a storage location. The Ordinance is proactive. Woman asked the First Selectman to remain open to alternatives when viewing Rich Road.

VI. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn to Rich Road. D. Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM to reconvene at Rich Road.

VII. **Re-Open Meeting** – C. Baldwin re-opened meeting at 9:15 AM with the Board of Selectmen and 5 interested parties in attendance.

1. **Road Issues** – Continued discussion regarding road concerns and review of the culvert and the drainage issues around it. The road gets very narrow at this section and is crumbling at edges. The culvert is unable to handle the large amount of water that moves through it. Discussion. C. Baldwin stated that he would review drainage concerns and possible remediation with the Road Foreman. Drainage repair would not mean the road would

not be paved. The meeting adjourned to the Town Hall for discussion with the Road Foreman.

VIII. **Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn to Town Hall to reconvene. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned to Town Hall at 9:45 AM.

IX. **Re-Open Meeting** – C. Baldwin re-opened meeting at 10:00 AM at the Pomfret Town Hall with the Board of Selectmen and Glenn Postemski, Road Foreman, in attendance.

1. **Road Issues** – Brief review of concerns and options. G. Postemski stated that he could pave to just beyond top of hill where the road has been paved in the past. The road process will be to grind, profile, put down processed gravel, grade, and pave to just beyond top of the hill. The culvert cannot be addressed at this time but will be planned for next summer or possibly this fall if time allows. Signage will be placed on Rich Road that reads 'Unimproved Road.' The Selectmen were in agreement with plans as discussed.

X. **Adjournment** – Moved and duly seconded to adjourn. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____