

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

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 7:00 PM.

1. **Approve Minutes of July 3, 2017** = D. Smith moved to approve minutes of July 3, 2017. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None

3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Maureen Nicholson asked about gearing the Agricultural Leases to producing farmers as opposed to those that wholesale crops. She also asked about the sale of the Murdock property and the proposed cell tower at Ragged Hill Road. The Agricultural Lease suggestion was reviewed with the Agricultural Commission when agreements were being written. There is no impending sale of the Murdock property. A Forestry Management Company has been hired and there has been discussion of hiring a realtor to look into marketing the property. Robinson & Cole will be holding an informational meeting regarding the proposed cell towers on August 23rd at the Pomfret Senior Center. M. Nicholson also asked to be considered for the EOC Building Committee as previously requested. C. Baldwin stated that he will consider request.

Correspondence from Eversource was reviewed that talked about some new poles and wiring that will be installed in conjunction with the solar project at Woods Hill Road.

II. New Business

1. **Acceptance of Resignation – Library Board of Trustees** – Letter of resignation from Barbara Saperstein was read into the record. B. Jessurun moved to accept with regret. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

2. **Establishment of Multi-Jurisdictional Shelter – Review and Discussion** – The Agreement letter for a multi-jurisdictional shelter between Pomfret, Brooklyn, Woodstock, Eastford, and Pomfret School was reviewed. Board will send comments to C. Baldwin who will forward to Derek May for consideration. This will be reviewed again at the next Selectmen's meeting with a possible approval.

3. **Review of Bids and Possible Award – Lease of Town-Owned Agricultural Parcel at 390 Mashamoquet Road (McLaughlin)** – Two bids were received. Both Wolf Den Farm and Fairvue Farms submitted bids with Fairvue Farms offering a more complete application and a higher bid. D. Smith moved to award the Agricultural Lease of 390 Mashamoquet Road (McLaughlin) property to Fairvue Farms for proposed amount. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

4. **Determination of Date for Special Town Meeting** – The Inter-local Agreement between Pomfret and Putnam regarding the sewer will need approval at Town Meeting. C. Baldwin proposed Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Senior Center for meeting. So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – C. Baldwin stated that they would be paving at Longmeadow if there is no rain. The plan is for this project to be completed well before the kids return to school. C. Baldwin has been sharing information with the Ad Hoc Committee for dissemination. There have been some 20 mph signs put up on Wolf Den Drive where it meets Route 44. Signs reading ‘Slow Children’ have been put up on Drown Road and Horse Crossing signs at Cassidy and Peterson.
- 2. General Discussion** – The next Sewer Meeting would be August 16th but there is little going on right now. The DEEP permit should be issued soon. The Firehouse addition is underway, the Sidewalk project will begin construction next week, and the EOC Committee should be meeting sometime next week. A letter was received today from OPM requesting fund balance information as Hartford continues without a budget. C. Baldwin met with BOF Chair Ken Kristal and Superintendent of Schools Steve Cullinan last week to discuss possible additional impacts to Pomfret.
- 3. Project Updates** – As noted General Discussion
- 4. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None**

IV. Current Business - None

- V. Citizen’s Comments** – M. Nicholson asked about the TAP Grant that would allow for bridge and culvert crossings on the Air Line Trail. C. Baldwin stated that this is a reimbursement grant and he is investigating options for payments without them impacting the Town. Once concerns are worked out the possible acceptance of this grant will go to Town Meeting. M. Nicholson also asked if the Public Library tie to the Sewer will be part of the contract. It is included.

- VI. Adjournment** – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____