

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Pamela Lewerenz. Approximately 8 citizens and interested parties.

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 7:00 PM

1. **Approve Minutes of November 6, 2017** - M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – Barry Jessurun welcomed the new Selectmen and stated that M. Nicholson had some State of CT booklets regarding the responsibilities of Selectmen that he had found helpful, as well as some information that can be found on the web. Mr. Southham asked if the speed tracking devices have been purchased. C. Gerrity voiced some concerns about speed on Wrights Crossing Road where the houses are close to the road and there are young children.

II. New Business

1. **Review/Possible Approval – Sidewalk Resolution for Authorizing Signature** – This Resolution is required by the State to authorize M. Nicholson as a signer for this grant. P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. Lewerenz asked about the wood debris left on roadsides after the recent tree cutting. Residents can take the wood but it must be removed from the roadside. A piece was put in the December Pomfret Times reflecting this. Where wood is not removed the Highway Dept. will pick it up. M. Nicholson reported that the Radar devices have come in and the Highway Dept. will install. Once programed a variety of reports will be available to generate from these devices. The Road crew is ready with trucks and equipment when the snow begins to fall. G. Postemski has secured a price that is better than last year's for road salt. The crew will continue to mow roadsides. There has been some discussion regarding hiring sub-contractors to plow the dirt roads. This would eliminate the possibility of the large town trucks getting stuck in soft ground on dirt roads and falling behind on the other roads. M. Nicholson also noted that if PCS is closed due to inclement weather, the Senior Center will be closed.
2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that the emails and document folders from the past administration are not available to the incoming administration. She has been advised to note that into the record in order to create a legal trail should this ever be questioned or an FOIA request come in. Some of these documents have been restored through back-ups but many are still unavailable. The CT DOT will be doing work on the Bark Meadow Bridge in 2018. This bridge is located on Route 44 near Longmeadow Drive. The bridge will be open as a single lane during most of the construction, with both lanes closed for 2 weeks in August. She stated that the next Economic, Planning & Development Commission meeting is Tuesday, December 12th at

8:00 AM and encouraged attendance. John Filchak, NECCOG Executive Director, will be discussing a branding project the assists in determining Pomfret's identity and promoting town interests and business. The EPDC has hired a firm to complete a Forest Management Plan and they are about ready to put out the RFP to complete this Plan. M. Nicholson noted a Sept. clip from a local newspaper concerning Eversource's installation of 2.8 miles of 12" pipeline. She has not seen any details concerning this project. The Tree Lighting and Carol Sing is this Saturday, December 9th at 5 PM on the Green and Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday, December 16th at noon on the Green. She also mentioned the Solar Project on Woods Hill Road as it is something to see on over 100 acres with 75,000 panels. It has generated a building fee to the Town in the amount of \$224,000 and assessed income will start to be generated next year.

3. **Project Updates** – The Trail Maintenance Agreement that has been requested by DEEP is the current focus of the Sewer Project. Separate from this project but still tied to it is the 5.9 million TAP Grant that has been awarded to the Town for 2 bridges, 2 culverts, and 3 grade crossings. She would like to bring this project back to residents with an informational meeting. The Sidewalk project is primarily done except for seeding in the spring and some adjustments to the handicap ramps. There is also a guidewire that needs to be moved. The Building Committee for the EOC has requested services for a site plan. The Library Parking lot will be held off until Spring as it is too late now to pave.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Vault Trust, COC, \$52.57; Honda Lease Trust, COC, \$73.97; Mongillo, Shirley, COC, \$284.44 – P. Lewerenz moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Update/Discussion – Adjusted Mil Rate** – M. Nicholson advised the Board that the Board of Finance set the mil rate for the second installment at 23.79. This will bring the net for the year to 25.86 which is in line with the revenues expected from the approved State budget. The Assessor does estimate a loss in revenue of \$6,845 from renters rebate and \$23,259 from elderly assistance. The State has also made a budget adjustment that will take approximately another \$250,000 from town revenues.
2. **Review/Possible Approval of 2018 BOS Meeting Schedule** – P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.
3. **Review/Possible Approval of 2018 Town Holiday Schedule** – P. Lewerenz moved to approve as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
4. **Citizen's Comments** – C. Gerrity asked about the Senior Center closure if PCS is closed with concern as to it being an Emergency Shelter. The Town would make the decision to open the Center as a shelter if conditions warranted.

V. **Adjournment** – P. Lewerenz moved to adjourn. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved _____