

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

1. **Approve Minutes of January 16, 2018** – P. Lewerenz moved to approve. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Agriculture Commission/Discussion of Farm Equipment Abatement to New Business, item 5. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

1. **Acceptance of Resignation** – J. Martinez has submitted his resignation from the Conservation Commission and the Board of Finance. P. McCarthy moved to accept the resignations with regret. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.
2. **Green Team Appointments** – M. Nicholson stated that the Green Team has been active in the past and have recently reformed as a very motivated group. They have scheduled a number of movies and events that are very informative and she would move to nominate the following as Green Team members: Sally Rogers, Charlie Weedon, David Hussong, Tima Smith, Nancy McMerriman, Laurice Shaw, Mary Canniff. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
3. **Preliminary Budget Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that she is working on putting together the FY 2018/2019 budget. She asked the Board to review the current budget with an eye for possible reductions in the coming year. There was some discussion regarding known impacts to next year's budget. Discussion will continue at subsequent meetings.
4. **Resolution Supporting Sustainable Connecticut** – M. Nicholson moved to approve this Resolution which supports Pomfret as a participant in the Sustainable Connecticut Municipal Certification Program. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.
5. **Agriculture Commission/Farm Equipment Abatement** – Lance Sistare was present for the Agriculture Commission. They have been discussing an abatement for farm equipment for some time and would hate to lose farmers to other towns due to a lack of this abatement. Brooklyn and Woodstock currently offer the Ordinance the Pomfret Agriculture Commission is asking for. State Statute currently allows for an abatement on equipment up to \$100,000. They are asking that the Town consider up to \$200,000. M. Nicholson read a statement from the assessor on the impact this would have on the town which is minimal. M. Nicholson moved to send this request to the Board of Finance for their discussion and possible approve. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor. If the Board of Finance approves the request it would then go back to the Board of Selectmen for approval of an actual Ordinance which would then go to a Town Meeting for approval.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. Lewerenz stated that many roads in town have been very slippery with possibly a lack of enough sand and salt.
2. **General Discussion** – Some discussion regarding the availability of Woodstock and Brooklyn transfer stations to Pomfret residents. A limited number of residents have taken advantage of this. There is information on the web page.
3. **Project Updates** – An architect has been hired for the EOC building and it is expected to have this out to bid within next few months. The library parking lot expansion is before Inland Wetlands this month and Planning and Zoning will be opening their Public Hearing this month. The plan represents a change from what was previously submitted. The Sidewalk will be walked again soon to verify the asphalt measurements. An MOU with the State regarding the agreements for the Sewer Project is in hand. A final draft of the maintenance agreement and easement has been received.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. Lewerenz seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **TAP Grant Update & Info. Meeting on Feb. 8th at 7 PM, PCS** – Representatives from DEEP, DOT, Weston & Sampson will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding this project. M. Nicholson met with involved parties last week. Weston & Sampson has done some further engineering and have a revised estimate that has been reviewed by the DOT. The project cost now is projected at 3.4 million and is still federal money with a gap that is to be covered by the DOT. All information currently available regarding this project will be presented and discussed at Thursday's informational meeting.
2. **Citizen's Comments** – John Lewerenz stated that it seemed that after snowstorms the roads were not scraped and not as much sand is being used. He has noticed a significant difference between the roads in Pomfret and surrounding towns after the recent snow and ice storms. Carolyn Gerrity asked if a solar light is still planned to go up at the EV Charger. There were also some questions on when the meter for this charger will switch away from the town. The 3-year period should end later this year. At that time the town will look into installing a meter on the EV Charger where users will pay at the pump.

V. Adjournment – P. Lewerenz moved to adjourn. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____