

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present – Ray Wishart, Linda Timman, Carolyn Gerrity, Debi Thompson, Michael Baum.

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

1. **Approve Minutes of September 4, 2018** - E. Chase moved to approve. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Discussion & Possible Action to C-Pace Program to Other Business, item 5. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson reviewed some pieces of correspondence received: State Police report from past month, Eversource letter stating that they would be sending drones to look at overhead wires, and an email received from Ford Fay regarding the Conservation Commission Ordinance. She read the email to the record that proposed, in light of the recent resignations, a revision to the Ordinance that would allow for a 5 member board with 3 alternates. This request will be discussed further at the next meeting.

II. New Business

1. **Appointment – Planning and Zoning Commission** – M. Nicholson moved to appoint Rich Huoppi to fill the term vacated by Peter Deary. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Proposed Transfers FY 2017/2018** – The Treasurer has requested this transfer in light of an invoice received late and some fee increases regarding Bulky Waste. M. Nicholson moved to approve the transfer as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
3. **Discussion: Constable Policy** – This draft policy was briefly reviewed. E. Chase suggested adding some language regarding a Chief Constable and their areas of responsibility. Who and how training records are kept and scheduling is determined was also briefly discussed. These changes will be made and the Policy further considered at the next meeting. M. Nicholson noted that the Constables have all recently received training in CPR.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – The small piece of town land abutting Route 44 is in need of some gravel and grading. P. McCarthy stated that the work done over the summer helped with the drainage during recent heavy rains. Some of the water problems that occurred during these rains were also briefly discussed.
2. **General Discussion** – Some staging for the Sewer Project will begin this week at the Rectory School. Work there is scheduled to begin October 8th. The engineers have applied for an encroachment permit from the State that should allow for some work to begin along Route 169 this year. A request will be submitted to USDA for some additional loan funding. Rising costs over so much time has left too narrow a margin within the contingency

line. The RFP has gone out for the foundation at the EOC. A meeting will be planned that includes the Library Board, Planning & Zoning, and Inland Wetlands to further discuss the library parking lot as discussion continues regarding this project. DOT is requiring that all handicap ramps on the sidewalk be replaced due to an incorrect pitch. The engineer is looking at this in the hope that as an unfinished project the DOT will still agree to replace them with an asphalt slope. However, this seems unlikely. The State has passed the crosswalk plans to the Scenic Road Commission due to a needed cut in the stone wall on Rte.44.

3. **Project Updates** – As noted above.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – P. McCarthy moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
5. **C-Pace Program/Possible Action** – This was presented and discussed at the last meeting. Action will be needed if it is decided to move forward with this program. This first came to light when a multi-family unit in town expressed interest in installing solar. 130 towns in the State currently participate. The Board will consider this further for possible approval and if they choose to do so it will then move forward to a Town Meeting.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – C. Gerrity asked about the timeline for fixing the sidewalk ramps. It is not determined at this point and still needs review with the contractor.

V. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____