

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase. Also present: Walter Hinchman

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM.

1. **Approve Minutes of November 5, 2018** - E. Chase moved to approve minutes as presented. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

1. **Acceptance of Resignation/EPDC** – Item removed from agenda.
2. **Wolf Den Drive – Winter Closure Discussion** – This road passes thru the State park for .92 miles. The Town does not typically maintain it during the winter months. The highway department has requested gating and closing this road from where the dirt starts to Wolf Den Road for the winter. A legal notice will be posted and a sign put on the gate indicating the dates that the road will be closed. Some discussion. M. Nicholson moved to approve winter closure of this road from the unpaved section, to gate it with a sign, and publish a legal notice. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.
3. **Budget Survey/Calendar – Discussion** – The questions from last year's survey was distributed with the Board of Finance suggestions noted. The goal is to finalize revisions by the end of December in order to publish by mid-January. Review and discussion. Any further suggestions should be forwarded to M. Nicholson. The budget calendar as approved by the Board of Finance was reviewed. The Board of Selectmen will likely schedule a workshop date as the begin the budget process. The tentative Public Hearing date will likely be changed as it is currently targeted for school vacation week. The Annual Town Meeting will be scheduled for sometime in early May. M. Nicholson has invited the Board of Education and the Board of Finance to the next regular Selectmen's meeting for a round-table meeting. This will allow all members to meet each other and hold some preliminary budget discussions.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – There have been tree cutters working in many locations around town. There is a large pot hole on the Putnam side of Gary School Road. M. Nicholson will contact the Putnam Highway Dept.
2. **General Discussion** – The Informational Meeting regarding the proposed Air Line crossings was held Thursday night. There was a decent turn-out and some questions and comments. There was no feedback that would reverse the course of the project. Construction is slated to begin in the Fall of 2019. The power point that was presented will be put on the town web page. The most recent CERC statistics for Pomfret was distributed and the monthly State Police Report for review by the Board. Interviews have been scheduled to fill the open highway department seat. M. Nicholson

stated that she plans to re-visit the Conservation Commission Ordinance. Suggestions have been received in the past. Some discussion and review. This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion. M. Nicholson met with a refrigeration company on Friday. They were able to repair one of the Senior Center refrigerators for a cost of about \$300 as opposed to buying a new one which had been quoted at over \$2,000.

3. **Project Updates** – The Sewer pipe has been installed at the Pomfret and Rectory schools. They are currently working along the Air Line Trail. The pump stations are being constructed off-site. The foundation for the EOC has not yet been poured due to the incessant rain.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Evan Backus, OP, \$320.43 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Citizen's Comments** – Walter Hinchman asked if two additional signs could be placed at the Woodstock Road piece of the intersection near his house. This would make that intersection a 4-way stop. The traffic thru there is currently fast and the site lines are poor.

V. Adjournment - E. Chase moved to adjourn. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____