

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Patrick McCarthy, Ellsworth Chase

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

1. **Approve Minutes of December 3, 2018** - E. Chase moved to approve. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Preliminary Budget Discussion to Current Business, item 2. And an Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition to item V. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** - None

II. New Business

1. **Possible Approval: Expenditure for Survey Monkey/Budget Survey from Community Enrichment Fund** – The Community Enrichment Fund was approved by the Board of Finance. The Survey Monkey fee for the Budget Survey will be about \$64.00. E. Chase moved to pay the Survey Monkey fees from this fund. P. McCarthy seconded. All in favor.
2. **Possible Approval: Planet Aid Funds to Land Acquisition** – The Planet Aid boxes pay the town based on pounds collected. Collected funds are a few hundred dollars per year and it currently goes into the General Fund. M. Nicholson moved that in the future these funds go into the Land Acquisition Fund. E. Chase seconded. All in favor.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. McCarthy stated that the work done on Freedly Road was successful as the heavy rains last night did not create run-off over the road. The large pot hole on Gary School Road has been fixed. E. Chase asked about installing guardrails at the empty lot on Route 44. M. Nicholson will look into this. The decision would have to be made by the State.
2. **General Discussion** – Wreaths Across America took place on Saturday with a great turn-out. P. McCarthy did a wonderful job singing the National Anthem. The Carol Sing that evening had a better turn-out than in many past years. Bulky Waste schedule and Household Hazardous have been tentatively confirmed for the upcoming year. An RFP is planned to go out again for Solar on the Murdock property with a forestry cut to follow. M. Nicholson stated that the allegations made against NECCOG Animal Control have been investigated and a preliminary report should be coming out later in the week.
3. **Project Updates** – The crosswalks on Route 44 at the private schools are complete. Work is being done to complete the sidewalk from where it ends to the Green across from Vanilla Bean. The library has been awarded their grant in the amount of \$421,000. They will need to fund-raise a matching amount. The sewer tie-in is included and can work toward their needed match. M. Nicholson has spoken with them about Nutmeg Network tie-in. The EOC foundation is being poured today and the

building is being delivered. Sewer work has stopped for the winter with the exception of the pump stations that are being built off-site. The Pomfret WPCA will need to think about expanding its members.

4. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None

IV. Current Business

- 1. Citizen's Comments** – None
- 2. Preliminary Budget Discussion** – Budget request letters will go out soon asking departments to have their 2019/2020 requests back by mid-January. Numbers will be available for discussion at their second January meeting. Some discussion regarding where increases and savings may be found in this upcoming budget.

V. Executive Session – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition with the three members of the Board to remain present. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:37 AM.

Board adjourned from Executive Session at 9:50 AM with no action taken.

VI. Adjournment – P. McCarthy moved to adjourn. E. Chase seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____