

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann. Also present: Tom Garrett, Cathy Grant, Michelle O'Donnell, members of Senior Advocate Commission: Elizabeth Cartier, Ann Hinchman, Susan Larose, Rita Conrad, Joseph Botta, Gail McElroy and numerous other citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes April 16, 2012** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Tom Garrett stated he was concerned with what he believed to be human waste spread on Modock Road by Mr. Miller. He also stated that there are drivers going thru the Stop sign at Cotton Bridge and River Roads and would like that section blocked-off or discontinued. Also, the State was cutting trees at Modock and Gary School along Route 44 and a worker there said the bank could be cut back if someone contacted the First Selectman. John Carter asked about the voting equipment still in the grange closet. It needs to be moved. Michelle O'Donnell spoke about car damage she sustained while traveling on Route 101 on Friday. The state was grinding pavement and there was not warning or paint on the raised manhole covers. She called the local DOT office and was offered no options.

II. New Business

1. **Review & Possible Approval-Resolution to Authorize “First Supplemental Agreement – Construction, Inspection and Maintenance for the Replacement of Covell Road Bridge”** – M. Nicholson made a motion to authorize Jim Rivers to sign the First Supplemental Agreement between the State and the Town for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance for the Replacement of the Covell Road Bridge. P. Mann seconded. Brief discussion. All in favor.
2. **Review and Possible Approval of 5-Year Capital Plan and Town Aid Roads** – Both reports distributed and briefly reviewed. M. Nicholson made a motion to approve the proposed 5 Year Capital Plan the Town Aid Road Report and to bring them to Town Meeting for approval. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
3. **Review and Possible Approval of Annual Town Meeting Date** – M. Nicholson moved to set the Annual Town Meeting Date for Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM at PCS. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor. J. Rivers

moved to add to New Business as item four a discussion to bring the budget to referendum vote. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

4. **Discussion – Referendum on FY 2012-2013 Budget** – P. Mann moved to take both the General Government and Board of Education budgets to referendum. M. Nicholson seconded. Some discussion. P. Mann in favor. J. Rivers, M. Nicholson opposed. Motion fails.

III. Current Business

1. **Review and Possible Approval of Appointment of Michael Fredrickson to Economic Planning and Development Commission and of any other Appointee Considerations** – M. Nicholson motioned to appoint Mary Collins and Michael Frederickson to the Economic Development Commission as regular members and Robert Vianni as an alternate. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson motioned to appoint Tony Amaral and Brad Beeler to the Agriculture Commission as alternates. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. P. Mann moved to appoint Cathy Grant to the Senior Advocate Commission as an alternate. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** - None
2. **General Discussion** - None
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Nicholas Navarro, 88 Freedley Road, 4/18/12 – Noted for record.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None

VI. Citizen's Comments – Ann Hennen stated that she was disappointed the budget was not going to referendum. Gail McElroy asked about the curbs to be fixed on Blossom Drive. Sybil Williams commented on drainage in front of 71 Youngs Road. M. Nicholson congratulated the seniors who put on such a successful spaghetti supper. They raised over \$1,000 and displayed great teamwork.

J. Rivers stated that he did have a correspondence from David Flath stating his resignation from the Library Board. M. Nicholson moved to accept the resignation with regret and to forward a letter to Dave. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

VII. Adjournment – P. Mann moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**7:30 PM – Selectmen will adjourn to Intro. Meeting with
Senior Advocate Commission**

8:11 PM - Selectmen convened discussion with the Senior Advocate Commission. Members all introduced themselves. J. Rivers provided some background regarding the Senior Center. This Commission has been brought about to determine policy, advise the Board of Selectmen, oversee budgets, and other 'big picture' concerns. Review and discussion. The third Wednesday of each month was considered for meeting schedules except for this May, where a meeting on May 15th at 5:00 PM was decided. Joseph Botta respectfully withdrew his name as a Commission member stating that the time involved will be more than what he understood it to be and his schedule would not allow the attention he feels the Commission will require. The Selectmen regretfully agreed. Discussion concluded at 9:50 PM.