

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann. Also present – approximately 9 citizens.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes December 19, 2011 – J.

Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda - None

3. Citizen Participation & Communications – Walter Hinchman gave a brief update concerning the Pomfret 300th Anniversary. It is due to kick-off in the Fall. Sybil Williams commented on a gun that is going off in her neighborhood early some mornings. Brief discussion. John Carter asked about a small bus for seniors. Jim will get an update from NECCOG. Sybil Williams also stated that there is a group at the Senior Center that would like a hand-quilting class. EastConn has the availability to teach this. Jim suggested she have EastConn contact the TEEG representative. There was a question about insurance coverage of physical altercations at the Senior Center.

II. New Business

1. Review and Possible Approval – Resolution of Endorsement for the Regional Performance Incentive Program – J.

Rivers explained that NECCOG is submitting three applications on behalf of the whole region. They need endorsement from the Towns. Brief discussion. The applications are as follows: Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility, Regional Tree Hazard Mitigation, Paramedic Intercept Improvement. Any of these programs would be a cost avoidance to the Towns. Discussion. P. Mann moved to approve each resolution endorsing each of the three projects listed. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. J. Rivers stated that on a related matter NECCOG will apply for a Transportation Enhancement Grant and an outline was distributed of the possible application areas. The Board will review these options and provide feedback to Jim. The deadline is February 1st.

2. Ridgewood Farms – Correspondence to Recuse – J.

Rivers read into the record a letter dated December 22, 2011 from himself to Attorney Ed Higgins. He is recusing himself from any discussion regarding Ridgewood Farms, LLC and any possible lawsuit. He has directed all contact to Maureen Nicholson and Bonnie Duncan, Assessor.

3. Fire Truck Storage – Discussion –

The Town has purchased a Fire Truck from the district for \$200. The vehicle has pump problems and is very low mileage. This will be turned into a plow truck and should thereby represent a large savings to the Town in terms of a replacement truck.

Until that conversion takes place it will be stored for a small monthly fee in absence of any objections. M. Nicholson moved to approve the expenditure of \$120 per month for storage for this truck. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. J. Rivers recused.

III. Current Business

- 1. Appointments** – P. Mann stated that appointments are needed for the EPDC as the membership is well below that stated in the Ordinance. He would suggest an ad in the Pomfret Times. J. Rivers stated that members are needed for Conservation and Recreation as well. A ZBA appointment is also needed but interest by possible appointees still needs to be confirmed. This will be tabled to next meeting.
- 2. Review and Possible Approval of Proposed Charge of pending Pomfret Agricultural Commission** – The Charge approved by the Agricultural group in December has been distributed. P. Mann moved to approve this Charge as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. A proposed Ordinance will be put together for next Town Meeting approval.
- 3. Bonding Update** – Some possible schedules have started to come into the Selectmen's office. P. Mann voiced some concerns about refinancing the McDaniel's note as this extends the payments and ultimately will cost more. Discussion. No Action taken.
- 4. Senior Center – Update and Discussion of Senior Advocate Commission** – Jim will draft an Ordinance for a Senior Advocate Commission to move forward at next Town Meeting. M. Nicholson presented some draft language.
- 5. Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments** – J. Rivers has spoken to J. Rabbitt concerning these amendments. He has language for signs and towers almost ready.
- 6. Round Table Discussion – Opportunities for Tax Reduction** – This item will be changed to Budget Discussion/Possible Action. A budget draft will be ready for Selectmen review in February. Some discussion regarding items to consider for the FY 2012/2013 Budget.

IV. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** - None
- 2. General Discussion** – J. Rivers spoke with the farmer concerning the Modock Road complaint. There are a number of reasons he thought this may be a problem and was very understanding of the concerns. Pomfret has been awarded \$500,000 in STEAP money for an Emergency Management Center. Discussions on exactly how this will look will be taking place in the upcoming months. There are a number of possibilities. Some discussion. M. Nicholson asked about a contact person for the Steak-Ums facility. Jim now has that name and the Feasibility Grant application has been submitted. She also asked about the All-Boards meeting/FOI training. Jim will speak with John Filchak about this. Some

discussion regarding moving forward with the RFP for the Murdock property boring project. Pomfret was recently notified that Andy Rzeznikiewicz was awarded the Working Lands Alliance Individual Pathfinder Award for his many efforts in procuring Open Space. He was recognized at WLA Annual Meeting in Hartford.

3. **Pistol Permits Issued: Bradley Beeler, 160 Covell Road, 12/22/11; Karen Bourque, 26 Putnam Road, 12/22/11; Derik Kruger, 144 Valentine Road, 12/22/11** – Three permits issued noted for record.

- V. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** Timothy D. Osborn, COC, \$188.20, 12/13 – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

- VI. **Citizen's Comments** – A woman asked about options at the Senior Center to prevent any physical confrontation. She did not think the recent incident was aggressive in nature. TEEG should be made aware. J. Carter stated he would be interested in the areas the Senior Advocate Commission are to cover and he asked about a recent article in the Norwich Bulletin regarding a regional project in Putnam. Some discussion.

- VII. **Adjournment** – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____