

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Jim Rivers, Selectmen Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann.
Also present-Gail and Bob McElroy, reporter.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes July 2, 2012 and Wednesday, July 18, 2012** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes of July 2 and July 18. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** - None

II. New Business

1. **Review and Possible Approval of the Senior Center Facility Use Policy** – Contract reviewed and discussed with various questions arising. Tabled for further review.
2. **Review and Possible Approval of the Senior Center Facility Use Contract** – Tabled for further review.
3. **Discussion: Feasibility Study of Processing Plant at Steak-Umms** – Peter Mann stated that while the NECCOG grant application for a feasibility study was denied, the council still has funds available that could be used for such a study. The Economic Planning and Development Commission has voted to ask the BOS to approve NECCOG expending the funds to move forward with a study. P. Mann moved to approve and move forward with a feasibility study for a small scale agricultural processing and distribution center in the region. J. Rivers seconded. Discussion continued in that the idea as brought forward is for a cooperative for a variety of agricultural products and the need existed in the area. This feasibility study would look at various locations in or out of Pomfret and is not specific to the Steak-ums building. All in favor, motion carries.

III. Current Business

1. **Discussion and Possible Approval ‘Main Street Grant Resolution’.** – J. Rivers motioned to approve a Resolution that authorizes submission of the funding application for Pomfret Economic Enhancement Project Under the Main Street Investment Fund Program. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
2. **Statewide Hurricane Exercise – Initial Follow-up Discussion** – P. Mann distributed a number of thoughts and suggestions for Pomfret that came up during this exercise. He will work with the office to implement some of these ideas. J. Rivers expressed frustration in that a category 3 would wipe out communication and the use of phones and faxes during the exercise

would not be possible. Past experience dictates that opening roads would be the first priority but that did not seem to be adequately addressed.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. Mann noted some low branches along Taft Pond Road and along Deerfield Road as you look left when exiting Seely-Brown.
2. **General Discussion** - None
3. **Pistol Permits Issued: None**
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – M. Nicholson moved to approve tax refunds and abatements as presented from the tax collector. J. Rivers seconded. All in favor.

V. Citizen's Comments – Gail McElroy stated that she received a follow-up phone call regarding her Emergency Registry submission and this did make her feel safe if there was an emergency.

VI. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____