

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Peter Mann. Citizen present: Tom Garrett

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes December 2, 2013** – Meeting opened at 7:01 PM. M. Nicholson moved to approve minutes. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson moved to add Discussion/Possible Action to NECCOG Regional Performance Incentive Proposal to New Business, Item 8. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Tom Garrett stated he was excited to see the Cotton Bridge Ext. item on the agenda. He also commented that he liked the new web page and wondered what the town's responsibility was regarding the many pistol permits that have been processed. He also commented on the Open Space filing requirements and felt that perhaps the minimum acreage should be increased to somewhere around 10 acres.

II. Current Business - None

III. New Business

1. **Reappointments: Conservation Commission** – M. Nicholson stated she would like to table this for now until she can confirm these individuals are willing to be reappointed.
2. **Resignation: Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission** – M. Nicholson moved to accept the recent resignations of Dave Davenport from the Recreation Commission and Ann Hennen from the Conservation Commission with letters of thanks. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
3. **Review and Possible Approval to Discontinue Cotton Bridge Road Extension and to bring same to Town Meeting** – The Director of Public Works has submitted a letter endorsing the same. Some type of barrier will be put up blocking access. P. Mann moved to approve the discontinuance of the Cotton Bridge Extension and to take approval of the same to Town Meeting. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
4. **Review and Possible Approval to take BOE transfer from Designated School Surplus for Security/Technology Grant Project to Town Meeting as Approved by the Board of Finance** – These school projects are grant funded but some funds are required from the Town. The \$16,148 will transfer out of the Designated School Surplus and into a CNR line within the General Government budget. P. Mann moved to approve as stated for the School Security/Technology Grant Project and to take the same to Town Meeting. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
5. **Review and Possible Approval to take Proposed Items to Town Meeting: Firehouse Deed, STEAP Grant Resolutions for Firehouse, EOC, and EOC Extension, Tyott Road Easement Acceptance, CL&P Temporary Easement** – M. Nicholson moved to take items listed to Town Meeting. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

6. **Discussion & Possible Approval – Town Meeting Date** – M. Nicholson moved to hold the next Town Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Pomfret Community School. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
7. **Nutmeg Network – Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that this State endorsed, high-speed fiber optic network has been installed in at least one school in every CT town to date. The benefits go beyond high-speed internet. She is waiting to confirm the cost of installation and grant monies through the state as well as examining the monthly cost vs. what we currently pay. Some discussion.
8. **NECCOG – Regional Performance Incentive** – P. Mann stated his only issue was the reference in item 4 to \$75,000. This looked like a typo and should indicate a bottom line of \$56,750. He had some doubts about the prioritization of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care and the Cattery. P. Mann moved to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – P. Mann asked about the 3-hour cycle of plowing Pomfret roads during a storm. He received a complaint from Taft Pond Road that the plow did not come back for 6 hours. M. Nicholson stated that she did not receive any complaints about this. She did feel the crew did a great job throughout the storm.
2. **General Discussion** – P. Mann asked if a replacement has been determined for Lee Post, who has been notified he will not be re-appointed as Building Official. M. Nicholson stated she did have some thoughts on this but nothing was yet confirmed. M. Nicholson stated that in light of a recent theft from the Highway Department, she is looking into placing surveillance cameras there and at the Recreation Park. She also stated she is getting new reports from MIRMA regarding an additional assessment they are considering placing on a number of Connecticut towns, including Pomfret. This is in addition to the assessment that has been paid off over the last few years.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Guy Plesz, 635 Hampton Road, 12/10/13; Derek Millette, 586 Hampton Road, 12/26/13; Amber Schmitt, 30 Fox Hill Road, 12/26/13; Lisa Schmitt, 30 Fox Hill Road, 12/26/13 – Noted for record.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – M. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

- V. **Citizen's Comments** – Tom Garrett stated a number of concerns. He asked about the PCS Security Project, the declining enrollment at PCS, the decision not to re-appoint Lee Post, and petition formats needed to repeal Zoning. Some discussion about each.

VI. **Adjournment** – P. Mann moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____