

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET SENIOR/COMMUNITYCENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Peter Mann. Also present: Approximately 12 citizens and interested parties.

**I. Regular Meeting**

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes April 7, 2014** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of April 7, 2014. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

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

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Gail McElroy voiced her support of Tom McGrath being appointed to the Senior Advocate Commission. Charlie Tracy stated that he was present at the recent Public Hearing and heard some questions about planning. He felt that the First Selectman's salary was not well-considered in planning over the last number of years and he hoped this line was not one of the items to be considered when cutting the budget. Pete Mann had a letter from Rita Conrad, dated in March, 2014 that he read into the record. It stated her concerns regarding the Senior Center closings and her feeling that these decisions should have come before the Senior Advocate Board and Selectmen before being put into place.

**II. Current Business** - None

**III. New Business**

1. **Consideration/Possible Action SAC Appointment** – M. Nicholson moved to re-appoint Cathy Grant for a one-year term, Elizabeth Cartier for a two-year term, Gail McElroy for a two-year alternate term, and Anne Hinchman for a term of two-years as a regular member, filling an open seat. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson moved to fill the vacated alternate seat with Tom McGrath. B. Jessurun seconded. Discussion. P. Mann stated he had planned to nominate Monique Caron-Krug as she has also expressed interest in this seat. More discussion regarding what each might bring to the Board. Call to a vote: M. Nicholson and B. Jessurun in favor. P. Mann opposed. Motion carries.
2. **Assessor Reappointment** – M. Nicholson moved to re-appoint Bonnie Duncan as Assessor with a term to run at the pleasure of the First Selectman. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

**IV. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues** – P. Mann stated that he drives over many New England roads and Pomfret's roads are among the best he travels on. Gail McElroy voiced her agreement of the same. Jim Kern asked about the broken curbing on Anderson Road being fixed.

2. **General Discussion** – M. Nicholson stated that the recent Bulky Waste was the busiest ever. She also reviewed some recent research that has been done for a replacement copier. Two vendors and a variety of machines have been looked at. A purchase will save quite a bit of money over a lease. Various options will be reviewed and further considered.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Kathryn Fortin-Emerson, 52 Paine Road, 4/8/14 – Noted to record.
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: None**
5. **Budget Discussion and Possible Action** – M. Nicholson reviewed proposed cuts to the General Government budget. The proposals were for the following: Capital Non-Recurring - \$37,700; Roads and Drainage - \$4,400; Regional Grants - \$2,000; Assessor's Office - \$2,600; and Tax Office - \$3,300. Discussion followed. It was determined that the Tax Office increase was off-set by a savings in postage and time spent. The proposed cuts were modified to replace the \$3,300 to the Tax Office and cut \$2,200 from Central Services Postage, and \$1,100 from CNR, ADA Compliance. B. Jessurun moved to approve the cuts to the General Government budget as modified. P. Mann seconded. Discussion. P. Mann stated he would still look to the First Selectman's salary. B. Jessurun stated he did not agree in that his observations over recent years have indicated added time and obligations to this position which certainly make it a full-time position. Vote: All in favor – motion carries.
6. **Discussion/Possible Determination Annual Town Meeting Date** – M. Nicholson moved to schedule the Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Pomfret Community School with call items as presented. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

- V. **Citizen's Comments** – Jeannette asked that the Town recognize Earth Day next year. Most groups that plan it have been wrapped up in helping the Congregation Church raise funds after their recent fire and the clean-up was not organized this year. Jeannette also stated that the DKH Champs walk each Thursday morning at the Mashamoquet State Park and anyone is welcome to join. She also noted that the Pomfret Seniors will be in the audience of Better CT on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Sue LaRose commented on the lovely Senior Center and her hopes that interest will increase and the building can again be open on most days. The location is listed as a Cooling Center during the hot weather as determined by the State.

- VI. **Adjournment** – P. Mann moved to adjourn. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_