

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013 – 7:15 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Peter Mann. Also present: Ken Kristal, Barry Jessurun, Sally Johnson, 2 other citizens and reporter.

I. Special Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes June 6, 2013** – Meeting opened at 7:10 PM. P. Mann moved to approve minutes. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

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

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – Two citizens were present that were looking for assistance regarding a letter they received from the State concerning their well. The well is located on State land along the Air Line Trail and they are being asked to fill it in and drill a new well on their own property. This was tried a number of years ago and a new well was put in but the water quality was so poor it could not be used. The well along the Air Line has been used by these families since the 1950's. Is there some way that the Town can help with relief from having to replace this well – perhaps it's use being grandfathered in? The property is along Modock Road at the Air Line. Charlie L. stated he has moved to Pomfret recently and is living in an apartment at 120 Putnam Road. A Water Report was received recently that indicates high lead and chloroform in the water there. Can some action be taken regarding this? Sally Johnson stated that she asked a question during citizens comments at a May meeting that was twisted in the minutes and gave the wrong impression. She was only curious about how unemployment worked and intended nothing ill toward anyone collecting it. She felt the minutes reflected ill intent and wanted that corrected.

II. Current Business

1. **Sewer Project-Update and Discussion** –Nothing additional. Update reviewed during WPCA meeting.
2. **Covell Bridge-Update** – The as-built has been received and all reimbursement has been received by the Town. A letter was sent to CHA stating that the Town would not pay their final invoice due to the 14 points, as received and outlined by the State, where they did not meet their contractual obligations.
3. **Lightning PC Lawsuit-Update** – M. Nicholson provided a brief history regarding this lawsuit. The Lightning PC attorney had offered settlement amounts of \$16,000, \$6,000 and a split with the Town of Kent of \$2,000 to Kent and \$4,000 to Pomfret. The response to them was that Pomfret did not intend to settle and the final outcome was a settlement paid by Kent and zero dollars paid by Pomfret. This case is now closed.

III. New Business

- 1. Resignation and Appointment/BOS** – M. Nicholson read a letter into the record as received from James Rivers offering his resignation from the Board of Selectmen effective June 30, 2013. She motioned to accept this resignation with deep regret and send a letter of many thanks. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson stated that she would motion to fill this position with Barry Jessurun who is a long-time citizen in town, knows the community, and will prove to be a great asset to the Board. No second. Vote on the motion: M. Nicholson and P. Mann in favor.
- 2. Pomfret Cemetery Board Appointments** – M. Nicholson read letter to record that was received from Attorney Nicholas Longo recommending that a committee be appointed to oversee the Pomfret Street Cemetery Association. She would motion to nominate Cheryl Grist, Staci Hattin, and Marjorie Holzer to this Committee. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
- 3. PCS Security Walk-thru** – M. Nicholson did a walk-thru at PCS recently with Troop D Lieutenant Scott Smith and a number of school staff. Security recommendations were made that are low cost/no cost. The school is also applying for a grant to make some of these improvements. The new superintendent takes over on July 9th and will be able to implement this.
- 4. Booker Property (STEAP) Building Committee** – The earlier building committee that was in place for the combined STEAP grants has been disbanded. The larger grants are being considered for a building on the Booker property – current site of the highway garage – for ambulance bays, training and office space, bathrooms. She has spoken with Glenn and Gary Ayers and a 5,000 – 6,000 square foot building would be considered. She motioned to appoint as this building committee: Maureen Nicholson, Glenn Postemski, Derek May, Gary Ayers, Joseph Stoddard, and John Navarro. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Web Site Agreement** – An agreement has been signed with Virtual Town Halls for a new web site. This company focuses mainly on municipalities and has the capacity to greatly enhance our web site. This will be worked on over the summer and the hope is to go ‘live’ in September.
- 6. State of CT Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Project – review and possible approval** – This agreement has been put out by the State and would act as a ‘blanket’ contract, taking the place of individual contracts for construction projects between towns and the State. If the Town entered into a project agreement with the State a Project Authorization Letter would be the only requirement. P. Mann moved to authorize First Selectman Maureen Nicholson to sign this agreement for the Town. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Air Line Trail Update** – DEEP and the DOT are working together for footing and drainage improvements along the Air Line Trail through Pomfret, Putnam, and Thompson. A Public Hearing is scheduled on July 9th at 6:30 PM at the Putnam Middle School.

IV. Other Business

1. CL&P

- a. **Street Lights** – M. Nicholson stated that it has recently come to light that 3 street lights in town were taken off of the CL&P bills. CL&P records indicate that this came at the request of the Town some years ago but no history can be located regarding this by either the town or CL&P. The lights in question are at the Senior Center, the Town Hall, and at Longmeadow where it reaches Route 44. CL&P has agreed to waive back fees but these 3 lights will be reinstated into our billing cycle.
- b. **Interstate Reliability Update** – M. Nicholson had a map of the right-of-way for review. Two structures will be installed off of Route 101 and two from the road off of the Murdock property. CL&P is proposing a 25' wide crushed stone improvement to the access road at this site.

2. Road Issues – None.

3. Interstate Reliability Project – Nothing further.

4. General Discussion – Henry Davis, long-time highway employee is retiring August 1st. A Household Hazardous Waste Day was held in June in partnership with Woodstock. Approximately 160 households took part 70 of which were from Pomfret. The final bill from the MIRMA assessment had been projected over the past 4 years to come in now for an overall balance due of about \$9400. This Worker's Compensation assessment did come in at \$12,400 and is intended to be paid in the 12/13 FY. An additional new assessment for Property and Auto came in from MIRMA at the same time for \$7400. Maureen reviewed this at the last NECCOG meeting and other towns are dealing with the same issues. There appears to be little to no recourse. Lee Post submitted a requisition for \$150 for the 12/13 fy for his cell phone. It has been understood that Thompson compensates him for his cell phone and the \$150 is the full amount in that line item. He was not paid for a cell phone by Pomfret in 2012 and was paid for ½ in 2011. M. Nicholson was looking for input from P. Mann about this payment. He would like confirmation from Thompson regarding their payments to Mr. Post for his cell phone.

5. Pistol Permits Issued: Vincent Longo, 120 Murdock Road, 6/6/13; Donald Normandie, 201 Fay Road, 6/6/13; Heather Cutler, 193 Orchard Hill Road, 6/6/13; Marion Nuccio, 13 Wetherbee Road, 6/6/13; Mark Concato, 7 Cheney Road, 6/6/13; Roman Slevinsky, 244 Paine Road, 6/6/13; Gabriel Hall, 730A Wrights Crossing Road, 6/6/13; Josie Thurlow, 7 Drown Road, 6/13/13; Kristin Walker, 282 Searles Road, 6/19/13; Ward Walker, 282 Searles Road, 6/19/13; Daryl Scott, 53 Tyott Road, 6/20/13; Jenny Morissette, 76 Putnam Road, 6/20/13; Nathaniel Vincent, 20 Babbitt Hill Road, 6/20/13; Shaun Artale, 9 Fay Road, Denied 6/20/13; Gerard Sullivan, 233 Quassett Road, 6/20/13; John Sullivan, 233 Quassett Road, 6/20/13. Noted for record with the addition of Jenna Cregg, 233 Quassett Road, 6/27/13. M. Nicholson stated that she did meet with Lt. Scott Smith

recently to review and clarify the permitting process. There are 9 issues that would require automatic denial.

6. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached – None.

- V. Citizen's Comments** – K. Kristal asked if any road paving will be going on this summer. They are doing Drown Road currently and have a few more planned. They will be doing the school at the same time in an effort to reduce costs. Charlie L. asked if there will be follow-up to the water report he asked about earlier. M. Nicholson will call NDDH tomorrow.

- VI. Adjournment** – P. Mann moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____