

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Maureen Nicholson, Selectman Barry Jessurun. Also present: Craig Baldwin, Pam Lewerenz.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes of October 5, 2015** – M. Nicholson opened meeting at 8:00 AM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – M. Nicholson motioned to add Old Town House – repairs and possible action on requested Funds to New Business, item 1. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** - None

II. New Business

1. **Old Town House/Repairs & Possible Action on Funds Requested** - The Old Town House is in need of sill repair. The Historical Society has secured \$7,000 in grant money from the 1772 Foundation but they need matching funds. They have been to the Board of Finance who approved designating \$10,000 in funds for this purpose and Board of Selectmen approval is needed as well. M. Nicholson moved to designate \$10,000 to a capital non-recurring fund for repairs to the Old Town House. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

1. **Discussion & Possible Action: Tax Abatement** – Pam Lewerenz, Tax Collector, was present and stated that she has spoken with the individual and advised him to speak with the Board at this or the next meeting if he wished to continue with this request. She has received no additional paperwork from him at this time.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** – B. Jessurun stated that a citizen has a concern with a large pothole on Jericho Road. M. Nicholson stated that paving was completed last week on Paine and Holmes Road, King's Highway is on hold at this point. The Town Engineer will look at it. It will be too late in the season to consider any paving. The State has expressed some interest in taking over Wolf Den Drive. This road runs through State property yet the Town maintains. A letter has gone out to the State requesting consideration of this change. Some of the street signs in town have been disappearing. The James Street sign often disappears and Chase Hill Road has recently been taken.

2. **General Discussion** – The Wyndam Land Trust has recently purchased over 50 acres on Clinic Road and the State is about to close on another piece of property. Combined this will represent over 100 acres of preserved land with no town funding. M. Nicholson has been in recent discussions regarding a solar array in Pomfret. This is a new program available to municipalities. The Town would receive money from a 25 to 30 year land lease and tax money on the panels. An RFP will need to be written and this project will eventually go to Town Meeting for approval. M. Nicholson also stated that the Town currently has two parcels of land that is leased by a farmer. These leases expire at the end of the year. Consideration should be given to putting the farming of these parcels out to bid as competition among local farmers to secure use of these agricultural parcels is growing. She also stated that the Agricultural Commission has approached her about offering a tax abatement on agricultural buildings. She suggested discussing this with the Commission and the Assessor in order to clarify the potential impact. Grosvenor Road has been staked and the EV Charging Station is up and running.
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** None
4. **Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached** – B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

V. Citizen's Comments - None

VI. Executive Session – M. Nicholson moved to go to Executive Session to review the applications received. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor and meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:20 AM.

1. Review & Discussion of Tax Collector Applications

Meeting came out of Executive Session at 8:45 with no action taken.

VII. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor and meeting duly adjourned at 8:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____