

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also present: Joyce Bigelow, Linda Timmon, Monique Caron-Krug, Peter Mann, JoAnn Baldwin, Carolyn Gerrity, Larry Southam, Mike Blackmer.

I. Regular Meeting

1. Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes of January 19, 2016 – C.

Baldwin opened meeting at 7:04 PM. B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

2. Items to Add to Agenda – C. Baldwin stated that he would like to add a Discussion of Woodstock Academy Project Graduation request to New Business, item 4. So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

3. Citizen Participation and Communications - None

II. New Business

1. Approval of Resolution: Signatory Authority for EOC STEAP Grant

– This STEAP was awarded a number of years ago. The Resolution will allow Craig Baldwin as First Selectman to accept the grant and enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents associated with the same. B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

2. \$141.22 Treasurer Transfer Request – This balance is remaining in the Tercentennial Fund and a transfer will allow the Treasurer to clear that account line. C. Baldwin asked for approval to transfer the \$141.22 from the Tercentennial Fund to the General Fund. So moved by B. Jessurun. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

3. Preliminary 2016-2017 Budget Discussion – C. Baldwin stated that the Revaluation has been completed. The Grand List has diminished by 5.5448% - mostly from R.E. valuation. He briefly reviewed the Selectmen's budget calendar. The regular meeting of February 16th will be canceled and a Special Meeting will be scheduled instead – the focus being that of a budget workshop. Additional budget discussion will take place at the meeting of March 7th, an additional special meeting if needed, and the proposed Selectmen's budget will be presented to the Board of Finance on March 14th.

4. Woodstock Academy – Project Graduation – C. Gerrity has submitted a request on behalf of Woodstock Academy – Project Graduation. They are requesting the ability to hold a bottle and can drive during the April Bulky Waste Weekend – either at its entrance or on Nora Lane. This is a parent-organized fund-raising event for the Academy's Senior Class Night. Brief discussion. C. Baldwin will speak with Winston Averil and get back in

touch with Carolyn. If the Bulky Waste location is problematic they will be able to hold the drive on Nora Lane.

III. Current Business - None

IV. Other Business

- 1. Road Issues** – No issues. Craig has received some positive feedback regarding the road conditions during the recent storm. The road edge along the sharp s corner on Babbitt Hill Road is beginning to break-up and is in need of repair. In answer to last meetings comment regarding the Stop sign on Paine Road at Fay – it sits back as far as it does due to ledge.
- 2. General Discussion** – C. Baldwin has been in touch with the DOT regarding the closure of Route 44 at Wappaquoi Brook. He is planning to schedule a walk/drive along the route and discuss safety options.
- 3. Sewer Project Update** – The final Construction and Operating Agreements are being worked out. The route of the line will pass through PCS property and consequently will be scheduled to be done during summer months. An Agreement with Putnam and an updated Ordinance is still in need of completion.
- 4. Fiber Optic Cable Project Update** - The Nutmeg Network is in the works. Permits are being requested from the utilities. The Public Safety Network will in time be added to this secure line.
- 5. Tax Refunds/Abatements:** John Deitert, O/P, \$40.00 – B. Jessurun moved to approve. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

V. Citizen's Comments – M. Caron-Krug asked if the entities are paying a fee to hook up to the proposed sewer. The entities are paying for the entire project. USDA funding need to run through the Town. P. Mann asked about the impact of the Grand List Deduction. It's ultimate effect on next year's budget is not yet determined. He also asked about any State reductions in proposed revenues this year. There have been some small amounts indicated but overall the State is keeping up with anticipated payments.

V. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____