

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2016 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also present – Walter Hinchman, Anne Hinchman, John Carter, Liz Cartier, Steve Arlinghaus, Ann Hennen

I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 8:01 AM.

1. **Approve Minutes of March 21, 2016** - B. Jessurun moved to approve minutes of March 21, 2016. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Citizen Participation and Communications** - None

II. New Business - None

III. Other Business

1. **Abatement Discussion** – C. Baldwin briefly reviewed the circumstances and the Memo from the Assessor. A one-time waiver of income limits for Homeowner's Abatement due to unusual circumstances is being sought. He has received this abatement in the past. The request is a one-time waiver of the State income limits for entitlement to the Homeowner's Program tax relief. B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **Review and Possible of Transfer as Requested by Treasurer's Office** – This single transfer for money previously approved by the Board of Finance for use by the Historical Society to repair sills at the Old Town House is being sought by the Treasurer's Office. B. Jessurun moved to approve as presented. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

IV. Current Business

1. **Discussion: Operating Costs for Pomfret Historical Society/Support of Old Town House-FY 2016/2017** – Due to increasing operating costs the Historical Society has asked for an increase to their 2016/2017 budget of \$2,160 for a total of \$5,660. They provided an outline of expenses over the past few years and a narrative of costs, fund raising, and town support over the past twenty years. There was discussion with members of the Society that were present regarding rental income and book sale proceeds they have received in the past that is now gone, fund-raising efforts, and other town organizations that use this historic building. Funding received from the Town has remained flat for the past 10 years while operating costs have continued to increase. B. Jessurun moved to approve this request and increase the FY 2016/2017 budget line for the Historical Society to \$5660.00. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.
2. **FY 2016/2017 Budget Update and Possible Action** – Health Insurance Benefits have come in flat for the upcoming fiscal year. They were

originally estimated at an 8% increase. There have been additional reductions in the Tax and Assessor's office due to some changes in staffing. The combined savings totals \$32,901.00. There was some brief discussion and concerns of continued State reductions in funding. These savings can be redistributed or further reduce the budget. B. Jessurun made a motion to adjust the proposed 2016/2017 budget to reflect these budget deductions. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. The approved \$2160 addition for the Historical Society will be added.

V. Citizen's Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 with no further discussion.

VI. Re-Convene Meeting – 9:00 AM – C. Baldwin reconvened meeting at 9:00 AM. Ed Griffin, Pomfret School; Richard Griswald, Loos & Co.; Tonya Rayment. Rectory School, were also present.

- 1. Sewer Project – Construction & Operating Agreements/Discussion with Project Participants and Possible Action** – Some additional comments to agreements were received this morning. Discussion regarding a 40 vs 30 year note was discussed. Thirty-year pay-back was agreed upon. The entities will work behind the scenes to off-set the annual flow assessment – keeping the town's figure steady. C. Baldwin has asked Weston and Sampson to provide quarterly tracking reports throughout the project. Invoices to the Town can be packaged and sent to entities for review. DEEP has requested bid spec.'s for bridges at 5 road crossings on Air Line Trail instead of the original gravel. Weston and Sampson have agreed to do this but will first provide the Town with a cost comparison of the two. Some continued discussion regarding the agreements. C. Baldwin will merge the two most current documents today and get them out to participants for final review. A conference call is planned for Monday to finalize with a meeting planned on Thursday for a signing.

VII. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____