

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 AT 8:00 AM  
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectman Donna Smith. Also present – Pam Lewerenz, John Lewerenz, and two Longmeadow Estates Residents.

**I. Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 8:00 AM.**

- 1. Approve Minutes of June 20, 2016** – D. Smith moved to approve minutes of June 20, 2016. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Items to Add to Agenda** – C. Baldwin moved to add Discussion of Wappaquoi Bridge Closure and Traffic Considerations. D. Smith seconded. Item added to Other Business, item 2.
- 3. Citizen Participation and Communications** – A resident of Longmeadow Estates stated that he was present for himself and on behalf of a number of his neighbors that could not be present. They had a number of concerns regarding the recent re-surfacing project within Longmeadow Estates that included tracking, adherence to cars and bikes, and odors. C. Baldwin spoke about the product being a rejuvenator and that it will bind with the tar. There was continued discussion and a woman from Longmeadow Estates stated she had additional health concerns and would like the opportunity to speak further with the Selectmen about this project. C. Baldwin stated that he would schedule a meeting to discuss the project and provide Longmeadow Estates residents an opportunity to discuss concerns and ask questions. C. Baldwin read into record a letter dated June 22<sup>nd</sup> that voiced concern for the proposed NTE Power Plant in Killingly.

**II. New Business**

- 1. Review and Possible Award of Agricultural Bids for Recreation Park parcel, 576 Hampton Road and Murdock property parcel, 434 Killingly Road** – Two bids were received for the Recreation Park parcel and one bid was received for the Murdock property parcel. Fairvue Farms bid on both of these parcels and Woodhill Farm bid on the Recreation Park parcel. Similar conservation plans were submitted by both. Some discussion. D. Smith motioned to accept the Woodhill Farm lease proposal as presented for the Recreation Park parcel beginning January, 2017. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor. D. Smith moved to accept the Fairvue Farms lease proposal for the Murdock Property parcel, beginning January, 2017, pending receipt of acceptable Certificate of Insurance. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Discussion/Appointments – Firehouse Extension Design/Build Committee** – C. Baldwin stated that the Needs Assessment is completed and information ready for a Design/Build Committee to move forward. He moved to appoint to that Design/Build Committee: Tony Emilio, John

Navarro, Charlie Wheedon, Brett Sheldon, Pat Boyd, and Derek May. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

### **III. Other Business**

1. **Road Issues/Longmeadow Road Treatment** – C. Baldwin stated that the treatment on Longmeadow Road holds a three year warranty but should last 3 to 5 years or beyond. The product will rejuvenate the surface. As requested, he will schedule a meeting for residents to voice any issues and ask questions. J. Lewerenz stated that he has concerns with the number of 18-wheelers traveling over Wade Road. Some discussion.
2. **Wappaquoi Bridge Closure/Traffic** – C. Baldwin stated that he has had reports of traffic diverting itself over Needles Eye, Day, and Wrights Crossing Roads. He has spoken with DOT and they have added a new, larger sign at Route 44/169. The Town has posted a sign at Day Road stating Closed to Thru Traffic. He has spoken with the State Police with regard to supplying some traffic enforcement – especially during the commuting hours. This would come at a cost of approximately \$105 per hour. He also stated that he has met with the DOT employees overseeing the project and it remains on-schedule and is still planned to re-open before school starts.
3. **General Discussion** – Nothing additional.
4. **Project Updates: Sidewalk, Sewer Project, Fire Station Extension, CEN Fiber Installation** – A complete set of engineering plans has been completed for the Sidewalk Project. These have been forwarded to the DOT for review as required for projects on State Scenic Highways. A request has gone out to the State to extend this grant through the next construction year. The next Sewer Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday. A meeting has also been scheduled with DEEP to review the road crossing plans that they have requested. Two easements to the Town are currently being worked on. Weston and Sampson is anticipating that bids will be ready to go out in the Fall. The Pole Licensing Agreements for the CEN Fiber Installation (Nutmeg Network) are now in place with both Eversource and Frontier Communications – allowing this project to move forward. It is anticipated to be complete sometime this Fall.
5. **Tax Refunds/Abatements:** CAB East LLC, COC, \$166.84 – D. Smith moved to approve as presented. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor.

### **IV. Current Business**

1. **Re-Appointments – Agricultural Commission: Mr. Bill Wood and Ms. Tina Kelly** – C. Baldwin has spoken with Agriculture Chair. Both of these members are recommended for reappointment. C. Baldwin moved to reappoint Bill Wood as a regular meeting with a term to run from July 18, 2016 through to May 1, 2017. D. Smith seconded. All in favor. C. Baldwin moved to reappoint Tina Kelly as an alternate member for a 3 year term that runs from July 18, 2016 through to May 1, 2019. D. Smith seconded. All in favor.

**2. Discussion: Inventory of No-Longer Needed Road Signage** – There has been some discussion with a road safety individual at the DOT. The Town provide DOT with a list of signs no longer needed and they will remove them. Lesa Landry with the bus company will help the town in identifying locations.

**V. Citizen's Comments** – John Lewerenz voiced concern with the additional Stop sign added at Hampton/Deerfield and Murdock Roads. People are driving straight through it. Also the heavy trucks and additional, speeding traffic on Wade and Cherry Hill Roads have become a concern.

**V. Adjournment** – D. Smith moved to adjourn. C. Baldwin seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

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